

S-CANDELS: THE SPITZER-COSMIC ASSEMBLY NEAR-INFRARED DEEP EXTRAGALACTIC SURVEY. SURVEY DESIGN, PHOTOMETRY, AND DEEP IRAC SOURCE COUNTS

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ABSTRACT

The *Spitzer*-Cosmic Assembly Deep Near-Infrared Extragalactic Legacy Survey (S-CANDELS; PI G. Fazio) is a Cycle 8 Exploration Program designed to detect galaxies at very high redshifts ($z > 5$). To mitigate the effects of cosmic variance and also to take advantage of deep coextensive coverage in multiple bands by the *Hubble Space Telescope* Multi-Cycle Treasury Program CANDELS, S-CANDELS was carried out within five widely separated extragalactic fields: the UKIDSS Ultra-Deep Survey, the Extended *Chandra* Deep Field South, COSMOS, the *HST* Deep Field North, and the Extended Groth Strip. S-CANDELS builds upon the existing coverage of these fields from the *Spitzer* Extended Deep Survey (SEDS), a Cycle 6 Exploration Program, by increasing the integration time from SEDS' 12 hours to a total of 50 hours but within a smaller area, 0.16 deg². The additional depth significantly increases the survey completeness at faint magnitudes. This paper describes the S-CANDELS survey design, processing, and publicly-available data products. We present IRAC dual-band 3.6+4.5 μ m catalogs reaching to a depth of 26.5 AB mag. Deep IRAC counts for the roughly 135,000 galaxies detected by S-CANDELS are consistent with models based on known galaxy populations. The increase in depth beyond earlier *Spitzer*/IRAC surveys does not reveal a significant additional contribution from discrete sources to the diffuse Cosmic Infrared Background (CIB). Thus it remains true that only roughly half of the estimated CIB flux from COBE/DIRBE is resolved.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Deep imaging at infrared wavelengths is now a standard tool for detecting and identifying galaxies at the highest redshifts (e.g., Oesch et al. 2013; Finkelstein et al. 2013). Indeed, deep infrared surveys carried out in the low-background conditions prevailing in space are indispensable for reliable detections of the most distant objects. Moreover, observations carried out in the infrared regime benefit from their sensitivity to rest-frame stellar light, relatively free from attenuation by dust. Thus space-based infrared observations have a demonstrated capability to detect distant galaxies and characterize their stellar content.

The Infrared Array Camera (IRAC; Fazio et al. 2004) aboard the *Spitzer Space Telescope* (Werner et al. 2004) has made significant additions to our knowledge of high-redshift galaxies. Although *Hubble Space Telescope* (HST) observations have been essential for identifying candidate high-redshift galaxies using the Lyman-break

technique (e.g., Steidel et al. 1996a,b), infrared imaging by IRAC, particularly in its 3.6 and 4.5 μ m bandpasses, has proved essential for confirming the high-redshift nature of these objects and for understanding the physical processes within them. IRAC data enable photometric redshift measurements and constrain stellar masses, ages, and star formation histories. IRAC has revealed, for example, that high-redshift galaxies were surprisingly massive ($\sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$) and had appreciable stellar ages (200–300 Myr), permitting new estimates of the star formation rate in the early universe ($z = 7 - 10$; e.g., Eyles et al. 2005; Egami et al. 2005; Yan et al. 2005; 2006; 2014; Labbé et al. 2006; 2007; 2010; 2013; Stark et al. 2007).

The successes of deep surveys played a major role in motivating the *HST* Multi-Cycle Treasury Program known as the Cosmic Assembly Deep Near-Infrared Extragalactic Legacy Survey (CANDELS), which used the Wide-Field Camera 3 (WFC3) to deeply cover five premier extragalactic survey fields both deeply and with high spatial resolution in the *YJH* bands (Koekemoer et al. 2011; Grogin et al. 2011). CANDELS also obtained roughly coextensive Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS) parallel imaging at visible wavelengths. All the CANDELS fields were also covered by IRAC at 3.6 and 4.5 μ m by the *Spitzer* Extended Deep Survey (SEDS; Ashby et al. 2013), to furnish rest-frame visible-light detections of the most distant objects detected by CANDELS. Compared to CANDELS, SEDS covered a relatively wide area (1.46 deg² versus 0.16 deg²). However, although SEDS is quite deep by current survey standards (26 AB mag, 3 σ), it is not well-suited to detect the faintest, most distant CANDELS sources. For this rea-

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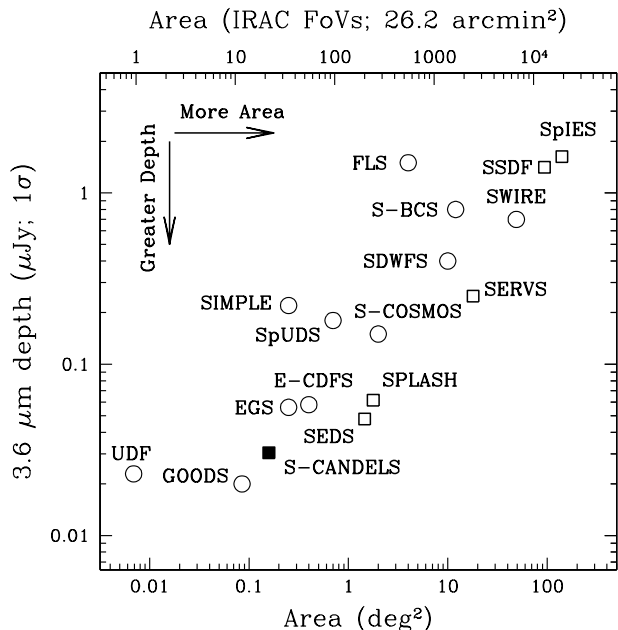


FIG. 1.— Comparison of measured S-CANDELS $3.6\,\mu\text{m}$ 1σ depth and total area (solid square) to other major *Spitzer*/IRAC extragalactic surveys from the cryogenic mission (circles) and warm mission (squares). The points shown for S-CANDELS, SEDS (Ashby et al. 2013), SDWFS (Ashby et al. 2009), and SSDF (Ashby et al. 2013b) are based on photometry of simulated sources in mosaic images and therefore account for source confusion. All other points are taken from the online calculator SENS-PET, using the appropriate sensitivities for the cryogenic and warm mission. Low-background conditions were assumed throughout except for SpIES, for which a medium background was (conservatively) assumed. Surveys shown include GOODS (Great Observatories Origins Deep Survey; Giavalisco et al. 2004; Wang et al. 2010; Hathi et al. 2012; Lin et al. 2012), the EGS (Extended Groth Strip; Davis et al. 2007; Bielby et al. 2012), E-CDFS (Extended Chandra Deep Field South; Rix et al. 2004; Castellano et al. 2010), SpUDS (*Spitzer* Public Legacy Survey of UKIDSS Ultra-Deep Survey; Caputi et al. 2011), SCOSMOS (*Spitzer* Deep Survey of *HST* COSMOS 2-Degree ACS Field; Scoville et al. 2007b), SERVS (*Spitzer* Extragalactic Representative Volume Survey; Mauduit et al. 2012), BCS (Blanco Cluster Survey), SWIRE (*Spitzer* Wide-area Infrared Extragalactic Survey; Lonsdale et al. 2003, 2004), the FLS (*Spitzer* First Look Survey; Fang et al. 2004), the UDF (Ultra-Deep Field; Labbé et al. 2013), SIMPLE (the *Spitzer* IRAC/MUSYC Public Legacy in E-CDFS; Damen et al. 2011), SpIES (*Spitzer*-IRAC Equatorial Survey), and SPLASH (*Spitzer* Large-Area Survey with Hyper-Suprime-Cam). Compared to the analogous Figure 1 of Ashby et al. (2013), SpIES, SSDF, SERVS, and S-CANDELS have all been updated because they relied on SENS-PET estimates that did not yet account for the slightly reduced sensitivity of IRAC during the warm mission.

son our team has carried out a much deeper IRAC survey focused specifically on the CANDELS fields. The new observations were obtained as a *Spitzer* Cycle 8 Exploration Program called *Spitzer*-CANDELS (S-CANDELS; PI G. Fazio). S-CANDELS achieved a total exposure time of 50 hr in all CANDELS fields at both 3.6 and $4.5\,\mu\text{m}$. Figure 1 shows how S-CANDELS compares to the other major *Spitzer* surveys in terms of depth and coverage.

This paper documents and characterizes the S-CANDELS mosaics, which are being publically released, and compares the results with SEDS. These objectives require using substantially the same methods as for SEDS. In particular, we use only the IRAC data for source identification and photometry. Other groups

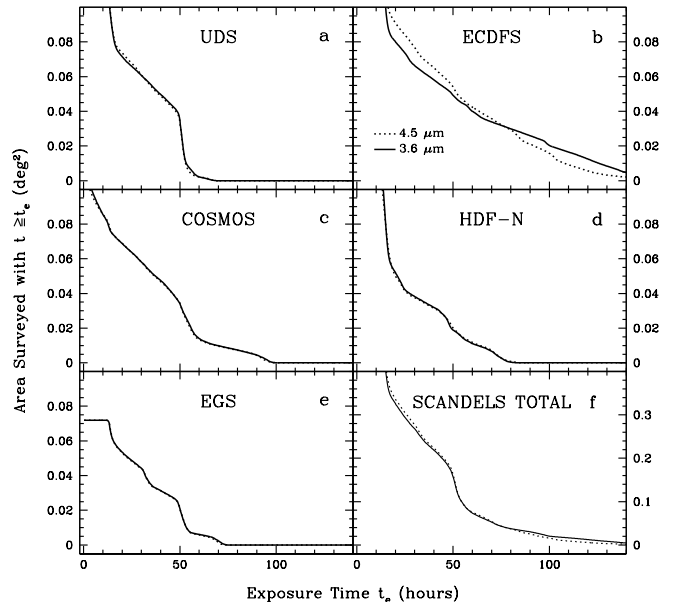


FIG. 2.— Cumulative area coverage as a function of exposure time for S-CANDELS, including other, earlier observations (Table 1). The solid and dotted lines correspond respectively to the 3.6 and $4.5\,\mu\text{m}$ bands. Panel f shows the coverage summed over all five S-CANDELS fields. The nominal S-CANDELS depth was 50 hr.

within the CANDELS collaboration are using the higher-resolution imaging from *HST*/WFC3 F160W as a prior for source identification (Sec. 6). These efforts include Galametz et al. (2013; for the UDS) Guo et al. (2013; ECDFS), Nayyeri et al. in preparation (COSMOS), Barro et al. in preparation (HDFN), and Stefanon et al. in preparation (EGS). Of these, all but one make use of the full-mission S-CANDELS mosaics created as described below (Galametz et al. (2013) used the original SEDS data from Ashby et al. 2013). Our independence from other data sets also has the advantage of detecting extremely red sources that are invisible at shorter wavelengths, like those either thought to be at very high redshifts, or to have extreme attenuation by dust. Such sources exist and are being investigated (M. Stefanon et al. in preparation).

This paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents the observations; Section 2.1 describes the individual S-CANDELS fields. Section 3 discusses the details of the S-CANDELS source identification, photometry, and validation. The results are described in Section 4. Section 5 describes the SEDS catalogs. Finally, Section 6 summarizes the benefits of the 50 hr S-CANDELS depth and describes some uses of the data. All magnitudes given in this paper are in the AB system.

2. OBSERVATIONS AND DATA REDUCTION

2.1. The Five S-CANDELS Survey Fields

Because the scientific emphasis of S-CANDELS is on detecting and characterizing galaxies at very high redshifts, it is vital that the S-CANDELS fields be placed where sensitive photometry is available in multiple bands other than the IRAC 3.6 and $4.5\,\mu\text{m}$ filters. NIR and visible imaging deep enough to match the IRAC observations reported here are of special importance. Ac-

TABLE 1
THE FIVE S-CANDELS FIELDS

PID ^a	Epoch	BCDs Used 3.6 μ m, 4.5 μ m	Pipeline Version
UDS (2:18:00, -5:10:17; area=0.035, 0.034 deg ²)			
181	2004 Jul 27–28	548,597 ^b	S18.7.0
40021	2008 Jan 26–29	3640,3457	"
61041	2009 Sep 8–23	5255,5256	S18.18.0
61041	2010 Feb 13–Mar 2	5328,5328	"
61041	2010 Sep 22–Oct 13	5436,5436	"
80218	2012 Feb 29–Mar 11	4680,4680	S19.1.0
80218	2012 Oct 11–Oct 29	5328,5328	"
80218	2013 Mar 16	648, 648	"
ECDFS (3:32:20, -27:37:20; area=0.049, 0.054 deg ²)			
81	2004 Feb 16	167,146	S18.7.0
194	2004 Feb 8–16	1724,1723 ^c	"
194	2004 Aug 12–18	1632,1632 ^c	"
20708	2005 Aug 19–23	1943,1872	"
20708	2006 Feb 6–11	1899,1944	"
30866	2007 Feb 15	1200,1080	"
60022	2010 Sep 20–Oct 4	4752,4588	S18.18.0
70145	2010 Sep 16–Oct 25	3510,3510	"
70145	2011 Feb 11–Apr 7	4140,4140	"
70145	2011 Sep 21–Sep 22	630,630	"
70204	2011 Mar 17–Apr 7	5184,5128	"
60022	2011 Mar 26–Apr 7	4596,4752	"
80217	2011 Sep 25–Sep 28	1944,1944	S19.1.0
60022	2011 Oct 10–Oct 20	4717,4552	"
80217	2012 Mar 30–Apr 5	1944,1943	"
COSMOS (10:00:30, +2:10:00; area=0.034, 0.034 deg ²)			
20070	2005 Dec 30–2006 Jan 2	1259,1253	S18.7.0
61043	2010 Jan 25–Feb 4	3672,3672	S18.18.0
61043	2010 Jun 10–28	3164,3140	"
61043	2011 Jan 30–Feb 6	3180,3196	"
80057	2012 Feb 4–Feb 19	6840,6840	S19.1.0
80057	2012 Jun 26–Jul 9	6840,6840	"
HDFN (12:36:12, +62:14:12; area=0.019, 0.020 deg ²)			
81	2004 May 26–27	215,178	S18.7.0
169	2004 May 16–26	2609,2609 ^c	"
169	2004 Nov 17–25	2447,2447 ^c	"
169	2005 Nov 25	114,114 ^c	"
20218	2005 Nov 28–Dec 9	200,200	"
20218	2006 Jun 2–3	200,200	"
61040	2010 May 12–29	4895,4896	S18.18.0
61040	2011 Feb 28–Mar 13	5440,5440	"
60140	2011 May 22–Jun 2	5208,4896	"
80215	2012 Jan 25–28	1872,1872	S19.1.0
80215	2012 Jul 23–30	1944,1944	"
EGS (14:19:38, +52:25:47; area=0.021, 0.021 deg ²)			
8	2003 Dec 21–28	988,969 ^c	S18.7.0
8	2004 Jun 28–Jul 3	1027,989 ^c	"
8	2006 Mar 28–29	117,24 ^c	"
41023	2008 Jan 24–25	726,726	"
41023	2008 Jul 21–23	726,726	"
61042	2010 Feb 5–16	4056,4056	S18.18.0
61042	2010 Aug 4–19	4021,4056	"
61042	2011 Feb 10–22	3970,4048	"
80216	2011 Aug 18–21	2052,2052	S19.1.0
80216	2012 Feb 2–26	3888,3888	"
80216	2012 Aug 28–31	1836,1836	"

NOTE. — S-CANDELS field positions and areas. Areas given were covered respectively at 3.6 and 4.5 μ m to a depth of at least 50 hours total integration time by the combined sum of all programs listed here. Compare to Table 2.

^a *Spitzer* Program Identification Number

^b 30 s frames.

^c 200 s frames.

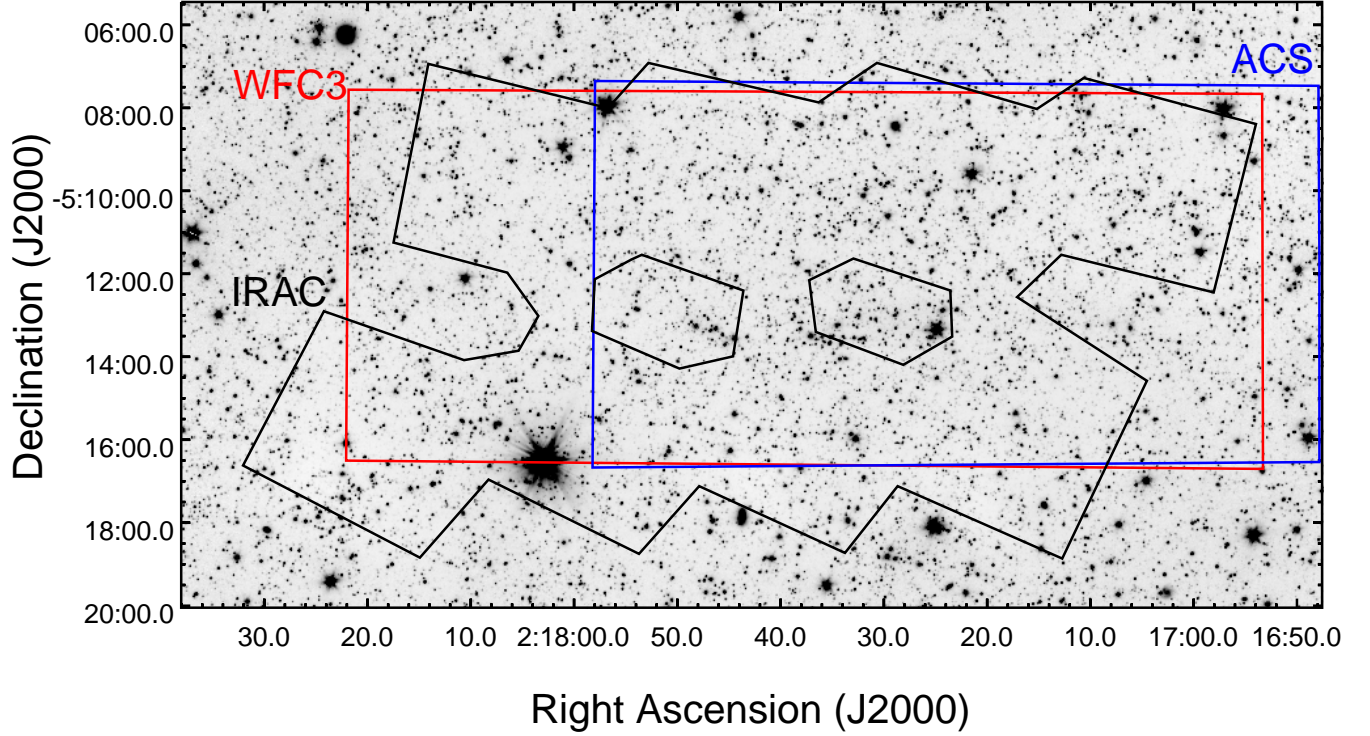


FIG. 3.— The full-depth S-CANDELS $3.6\ \mu\text{m}$ mosaic in the UDS field, including exposures from the cryogenic mission and SEDS. The image stretch ranges from -0.01 (white) to $0.05\ \text{MJy/sr}$ (black). The minimum total exposure time in the field shown is 12 hours. The black polygons indicate where the total IRAC integration reaches 50 hours. The six-sided black polygons in the field center enclose regions where the coverage grades down to the 12 hour SEDS depth. The red and blue rectangles respectively indicate the extent of the *HST*/WFC3 and ACS imaging from CANDELS (Grogin et al. 2011; Koekemoer et al. 2011).

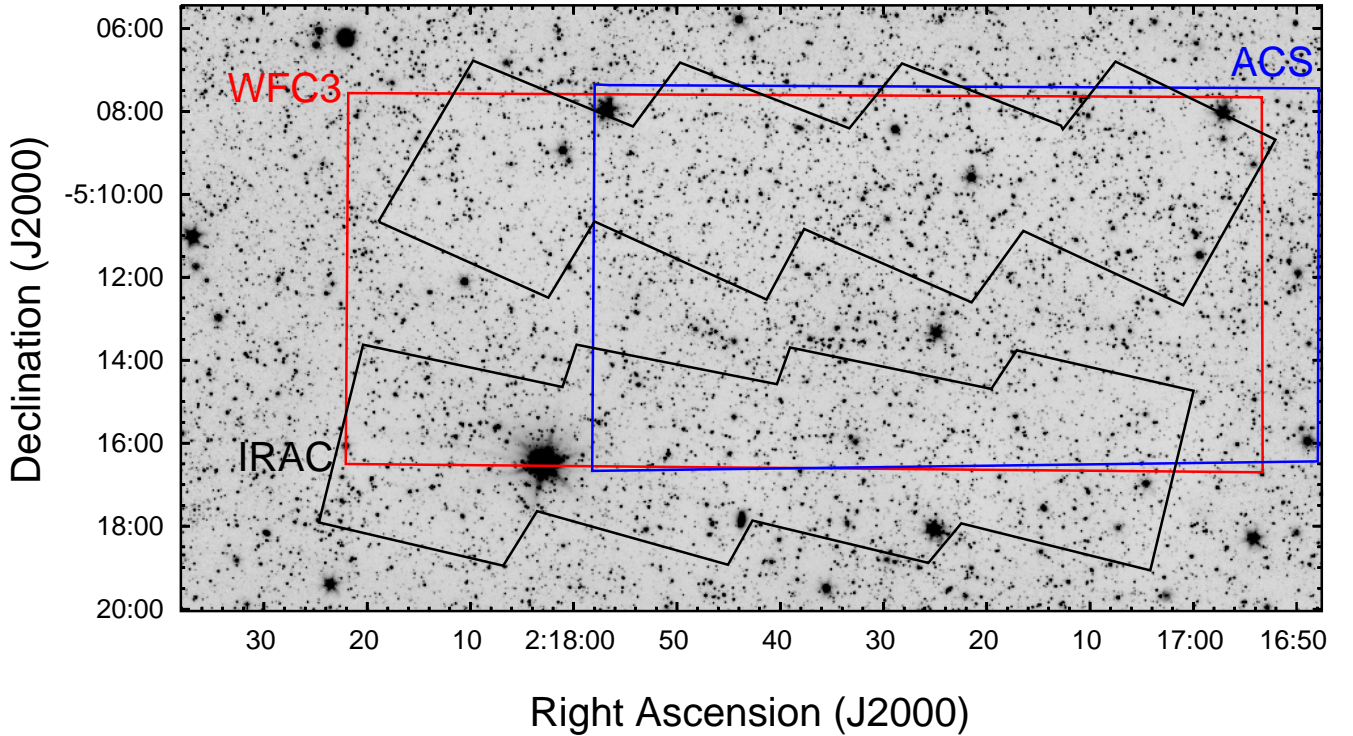


FIG. 4.— As Figure 3, but showing the S-CANDELS $4.5\ \mu\text{m}$ mosaic of the UDS. The stretch ranges from -0.01 to $0.05\ \text{MJy sr}^{-1}$.

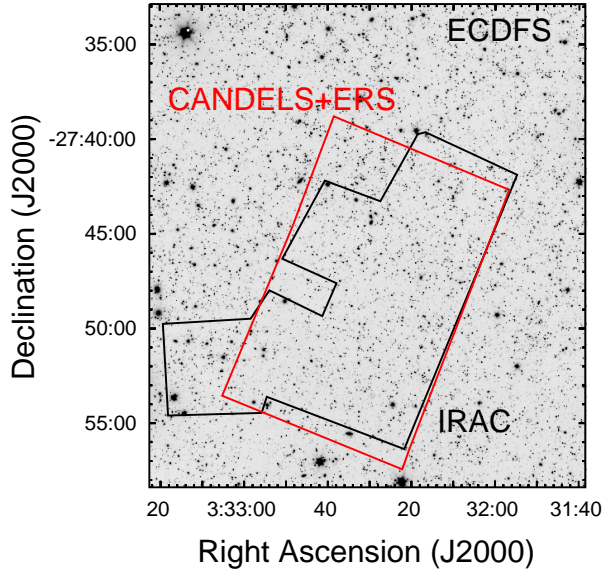


FIG. 5.— The full-depth SCANDELS $3.6\mu\text{m}$ mosaic of the ECDFS. The stretch ranges from -0.01 to 0.05 MJy sr^{-1} . The black polygon encloses a region where the depth of coverage is a minimum of 50 hours. The red rectangle indicates the portion of the field covered by the *HST* CANDELS and ERS programs.

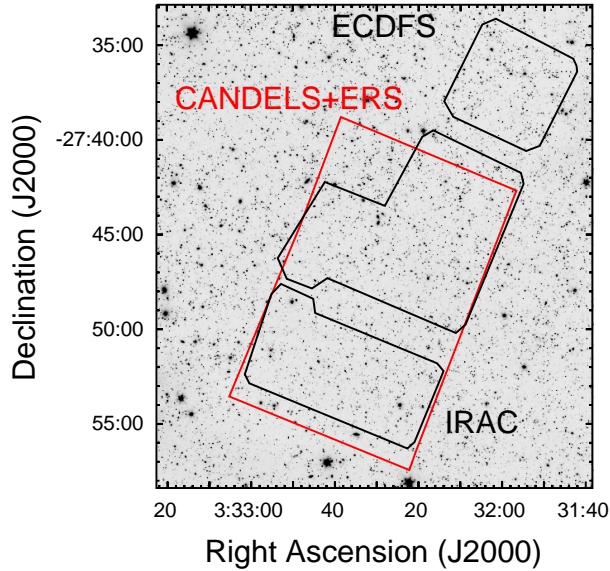


FIG. 6.— As Figure 5, but showing the full-depth $4.5\mu\text{m}$ mosaic of the ECDFS including all SEDS and cryogenic imaging by IRAC. The stretch ranges from -0.01 to 0.05 MJy sr^{-1} .

cordingly, we chose to locate S-CANDELS inside the wider and shallower fields already covered by SEDS, in regions that enjoy deep optical and NIR imaging from *HST*/CANDELS. These S-CANDELS fields are thus the Extended GOODS-South (aka the GEMS field, hereafter ECDFS; Rix et al. 2004; Castellano et al. 2010), the Extended GOODS-North (HDFN; Giavalisco et al. 2004; Wang et al. 2010; Hathi et al. 2012; Lin et al. 2012), the UKIDSS Ultra-Deep Survey (UDS; aka the Subaru/XMM Deep Field, Ouchi et al. 2001; Lawrence et al. 2007), a narrow field within the Extended Groth Strip

(EGS; Davis et al. 2007; Bielby et al. 2012), and a strip within the UltraVista deep survey of the larger COSMOS field (Scoville et al. 2007a; McCracken et al. 2012). These five S-CANDELS fields are distributed in ecliptic longitude and declination to permit ground-based followup from both hemispheres.

2.2. Mapping Strategy

The depths, areas, and sensitivity of earlier IRAC coverage of the five S-CANDELS fields up to and including the SEDS campaigns are described by Ashby et al. (2013). The S-CANDELS observations were of a similar character, but had a different etendue. Figure 2 shows the cumulative depth vs area plots for S-CANDELS, which had a design depth of 50 hr.

The S-CANDELS observing strategy was designed to maximize the area covered to full depth within the CANDELS H_{160} area. Each field was visited twice⁷ with six months separating the two visits. Table 1 lists the epochs for each field. All of the IRAC full-depth coverage is within the SEDS area (Ashby et al. 2013), and almost all is within the area covered by *HST* for CANDELS. (See Figs. 3–12.)

Each of the two observation epochs accumulated 19 hr integration time per pointing, or less when a field had pre-existing coverage other than SEDS. For efficiency, each position in the field was usually observed for 2 frames of 100 s each before moving the telescope to the next position. The medium Reuleaux 36 dither pattern was used throughout, except for the EGS field, which used an 18-point dither pattern.⁸ The AORs thus sampled each sky position at many positions on the arrays. Each AOR (pair of linked AORs for the EGS) covered the full intended field of view (FOV) for one wavelength, but the $3.6\mu\text{m}$ and $4.5\mu\text{m}$ coverage did not overlap for UDS, HDFN, or CDFS. For COSMOS and EGS, the overlap was only partial. However, the IRAC fields of view switch places every six months, so the area observed at $3.6\mu\text{m}$ in one epoch was observed at $4.5\mu\text{m}$ in the alternate epoch and vice versa to achieve complete coverage of the intended area at both wavelengths.

2.3. Data Reduction

We used the same procedures to reduce the S-CANDELS data as were applied earlier to the SEDS observations described by Ashby et al. (2013). In the following we therefore describe only the most important aspects of the S-CANDELS reductions.

All suitable data were combined into full-mission mosaics that include coextensive imaging from SEDS and other projects from both the cryogenic and warm missions (see Table 1 for the complete lists) into full-mission mosaics covering the CANDELS fields. Processing was based on IRAC Corrected Basic Calibrated Data (cBCD) exposures generated by the pipeline versions indicated in Table 1. The different pipeline versions differ only in

⁷ Three AORs in the UDS field observed in 2012 March were useless because solar particles saturated the detectors. These AORs were reobserved in 2013 March. Recovery from a spacecraft anomaly in 2011 August prevented observation of 17 AORs in the EGS. They were observed in 2012 August.

⁸ The EGS dither pattern was equivalent to alternate positions of the medium Reuleaux 36 pattern and was specified via a cluster target.

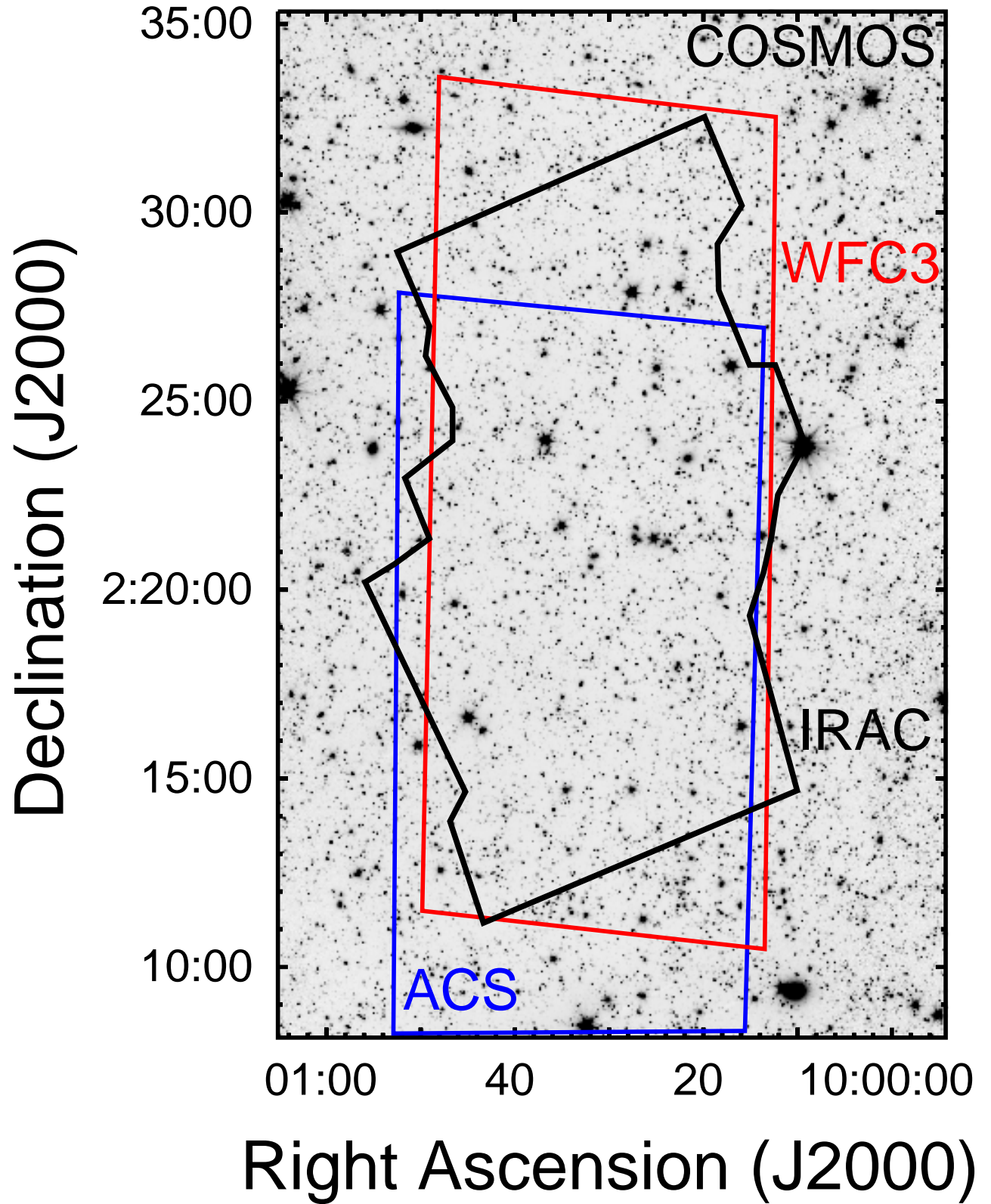


FIG. 7.— The total S-CANDELS $3.6\,\mu\text{m}$ mosaic in the COSMOS field including all observations from SEDS and the cryogenic mission (Table 1). The image stretch ranges from -0.01 (white) to $0.05\,\text{MJy/sr}$ (black). The black polygon approximately indicates the area covered by at least 50 hours of integration time. All of the field shown is covered by at least 12 hours total integration time. The red line encloses the region covered by the CANDELS WFC3 observations, and the blue line encloses the region observed by the CANDELS parallel ACS exposures.

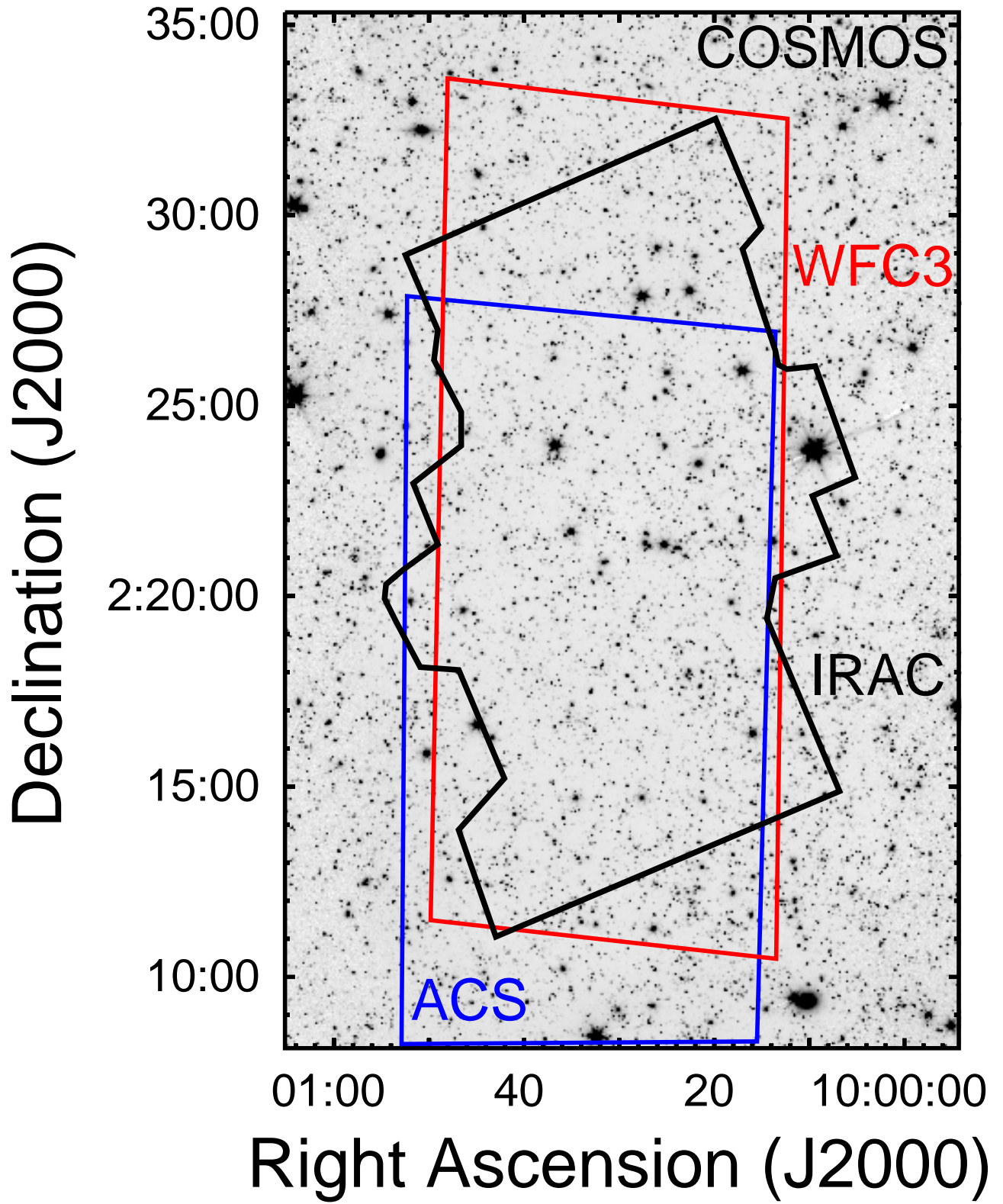


FIG. 8.— As Figure 7, but showing the full-depth $4.5\ \mu\text{m}$ mosaic in the COSMOS field. The stretch ranges from -0.01 to $0.05\ \text{MJy/sr}$.

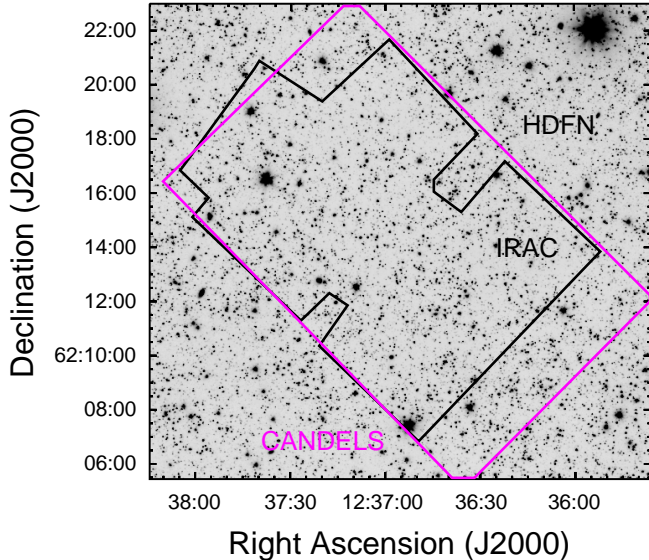


FIG. 9.— Total SCANDELS IRAC $3.6\,\mu\text{m}$ mosaic in the HDFN. The black polygon indicates approximately where the total $3.6\,\mu\text{m}$ integration time, which includes observations from the cryogenic mission (i.e., GOODS), rises to at least 50 hours. The magenta rectangle indicates the coextensive *HST*/WFC3+ACS footprint from CANDELS. The stretch ranges from -0.01 to $0.05\,\text{MJy sr}^{-1}$.

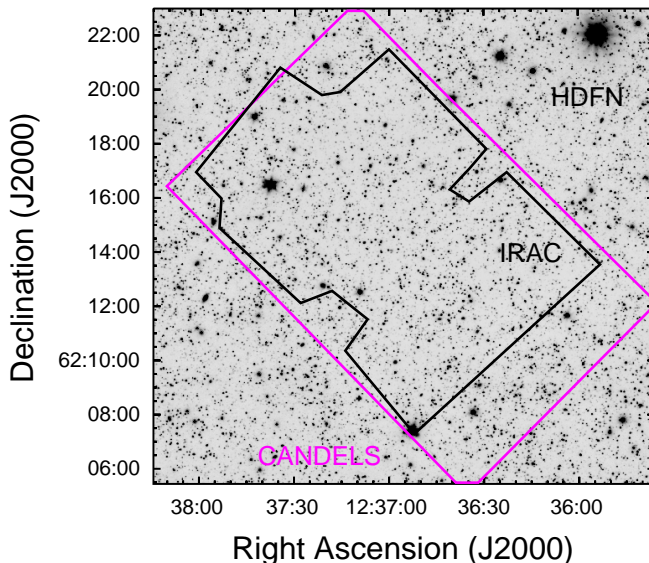


FIG. 10.— As Figure 9, but for the $4.5\,\mu\text{m}$ observations. The stretch ranges from -0.01 to $0.05\,\text{MJy sr}^{-1}$.

matters of minor artifact correction, not in overall calibration⁹ of the 3.6 or $4.5\,\mu\text{m}$ exposures.

Before mosaicking, all the IRAC exposures were corrected for long-term residual images and for column pull-down. The mosaics were constructed with *IRACproc* (Schuster et al. 2006) in the same way as was done for SEDS, but over narrower fields. In the EDFS and the HDFN, which have very large datasets, computer memory constraints prevented us from making the mo-

saics in a single *IRACproc* run. For these fields we mosaicked subsets of the exposures and subsequently mean-averaged the results into a single mosaic. As with SEDS, all the S-CANDELS mosaics were pixellated to $0''.6$ and were aligned to the tangent-plane projections used by the CANDELS team (Table 5 of Koekemoer et al. 2011). Figures 3 through 12 show the final IRAC mosaics for all five fields.

The final mosaics, coverage maps, model images, and residual images are all available from the *Spitzer* Exploration Science Programs website.¹⁰

3. SOURCE EXTRACTION AND PHOTOMETRY

3.1. Source Identification

Source confusion is pronounced even for the 12-hour SEDS mosaics; the problem impacts the deeper S-CANDELS mosaics even more strongly. We therefore used *StarFinder* (ver. 1.6f; Diolaiti et al. 2000) to identify sources because *StarFinder* is optimized for identification and photometry of heavily blended sources in crowded fields (e.g., globular cluster stars). As was done for SEDS, the S-CANDELS catalogs were constructed in two steps. First, *StarFinder* was used to identify and locate sources (even faint, blended ones). Second, a custom code was used to correct biases in the *StarFinder* photometry.

The source-identification step was performed on the full-depth S-CANDELS mosaics. *StarFinder* implements an algorithm based on iterated fitting and subtracting of a template point spread function (PSF) image. Because the S-CANDELS mosaics are small and heavily confused, we were unable to identify enough isolated, sufficiently bright point sources to construct useful PSFs template images from the S-CANDELS mosaics themselves. Instead, we used the PSF template images constructed earlier for SEDS. Because the fields were observed at similar roll angles for both SEDS and S-CANDELS, this should not introduce significant error. *StarFinder* is capable of repeating the source-identification algorithm using the residuals it generates from a first pass through the mosaics. This allows the code to refine (reduce) its estimate of the background noise in the absence of the brightest objects. We therefore configured *StarFinder* to process each field three times, as was done for SEDS, with identical parameter settings. In particular, the software was not allowed to deblend sources closer together than $0''.9$, roughly half the FWHM of the PSF in the two warm IRAC passbands. Based on our inspections of the final (third-pass) residual images (Figure 13 shows an example), we judged this approach successful. The residual images are manifestly free of large-scale background artifacts, and the faint sources (which are all effectively point sources) are well-fitted by our approach.

As was done for SEDS, the aperture magnitudes for each source were measured after re-inserting its fitted PSF at its fitted position in the *StarFinder* residual image and then measuring background-subtracted fluxes interior to diameters of $2''.4$, $3''.6$, $4''.8$, $6''.0$, $7''.2$, and $12''.0$. Thus the S-CANDELS aperture magnitudes are

⁹ <http://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/docs/irac/iracinstrumenthandbook/73/>

¹⁰ <http://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/data/SPITZER/docs/spitzermission/observingprograms/es/>

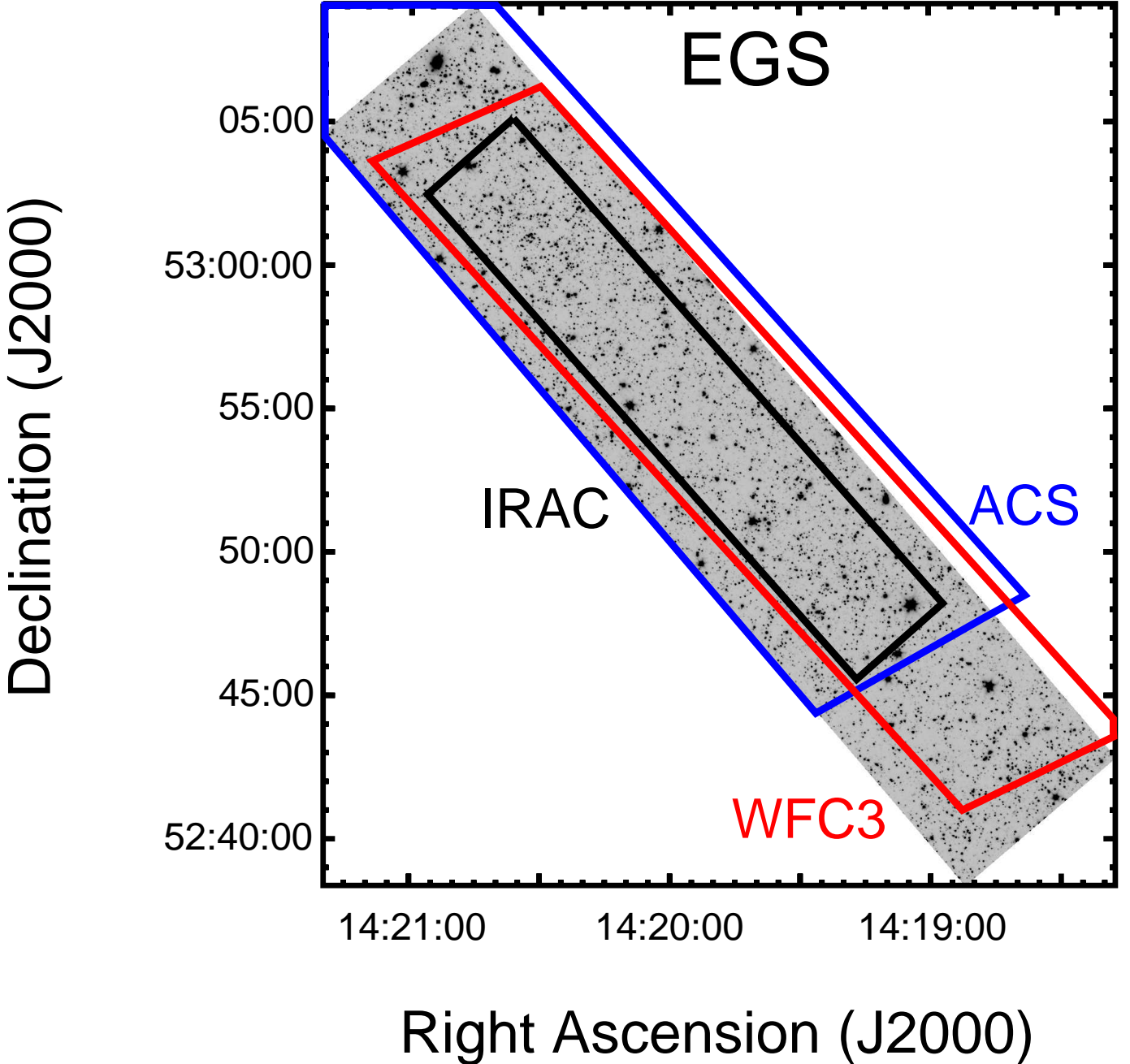


FIG. 11.— Total S-CANDELS $3.6\,\mu\text{m}$ mosaic of the EGS field. The deepest coverage, at least 50 hours total integration time, lies within the black rectangle. The stretch ranges from -0.01 to $0.05\,\text{MJy sr}^{-1}$. Outside the black rectangle the $3.6\,\mu\text{m}$ integration time is at least 12 hour. The blue and red polygons respectively indicate the approximate locations of the CANDELS ACS and WFC3 coverage.

relatively free of contamination by nearby neighbors (because to a good approximation they have been subtracted off) of both the photometered source and the nearby background. The S-CANDELS catalogs contain both the PSF-fitted magnitudes based on the iterative procedure described above and the aperture magnitudes. Because we used the same PSF templates and photometric apertures as SEDS, we also used the same SEDS photometric corrections to correct the original, PSF-fitted magnitudes to total magnitudes. All S-CANDELS catalogs include these aperture corrections, which are given by Ashby et al. (2013; their Table 2). To avoid spurious sources, only objects detected in both bands were included in the cat-

alogs.

The completeness and reliability of S-CANDELS were assessed on a field-by-field basis with the standard Monte Carlo approach, identical to that used for SEDS (Ashby et al. 2013). SEDS established, by matching CANDELS F160W sources to IRAC-detected objects in COSMOS, that all IRAC sources fainter than 23 AB mag are point sources at IRAC resolution. This is true even for a majority of IRAC sources brighter than 23 AB mag. We therefore used only point sources in our completeness and depth simulations. We simultaneously inserted simulated sources in both the 3.6 and $4.5\,\mu\text{m}$ mosaics at identical locations. For simplicity, the simulated sources were

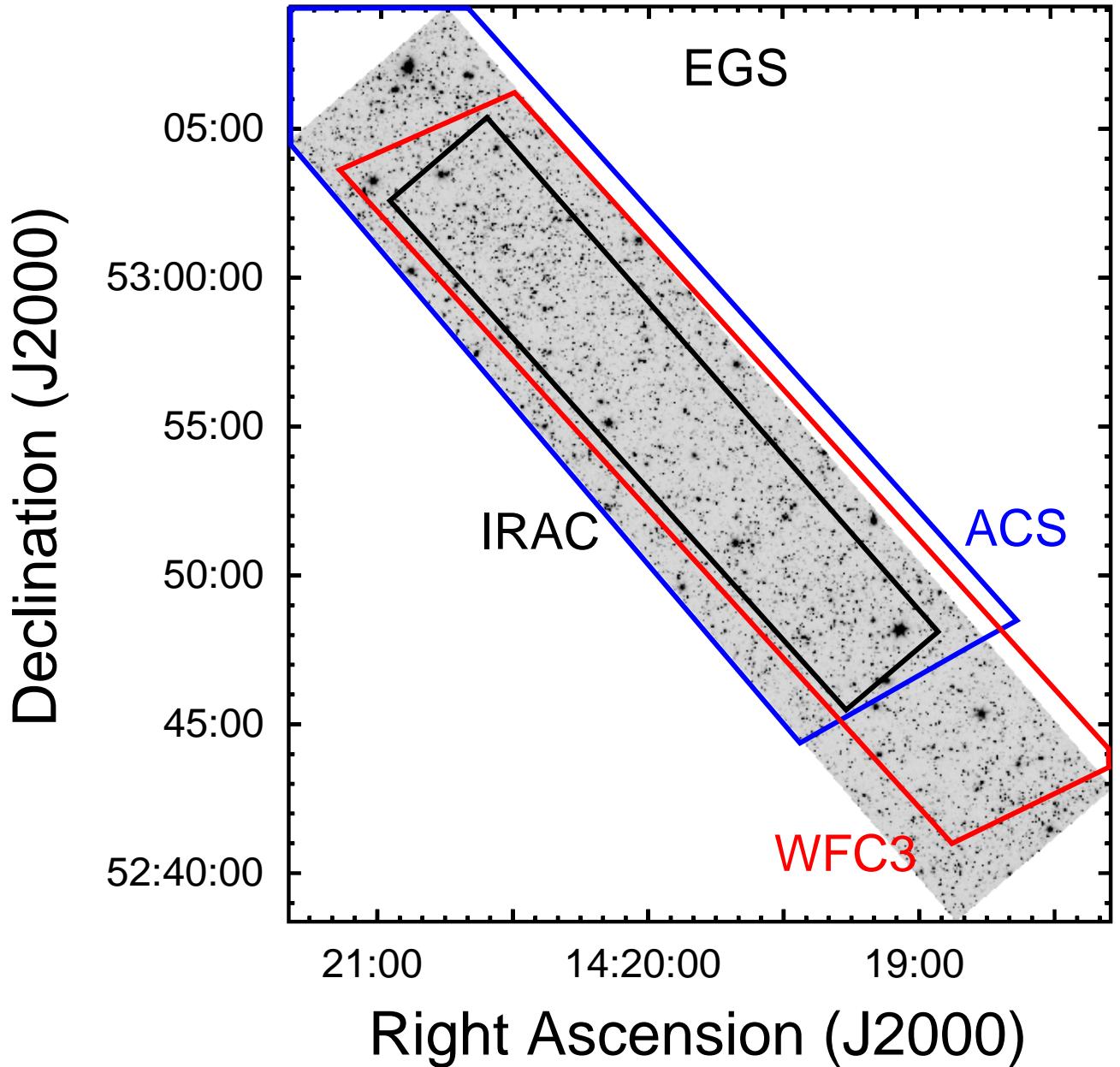


FIG. 12.— As Figure 11, but for the total S-CANDELS $4.5\,\mu\text{m}$ mosaic of the EGS field. The stretch ranges from -0.01 to $0.05\,\text{MJy sr}^{-1}$.

created with $[3.6]-[4.5]=0$, i.e., no attempt was made to insert sources with a range of colors. After the S-CANDELS mosaics had been modified by inserting simulated sources, source identification and photometry was performed in exactly the same way as for the unmodified mosaics. The completeness and magnitude bias were assessed by comparing the results to the *a priori* known input sources over the range of magnitudes seen for the real sources. The results are given in Table 2 and shown in Figure 14.

S-CANDELS completeness is identical to that of SEDS for sources brighter than about 24.5 AB mag. For sources fainter than 24.5 mag, however, S-CANDELS is significantly more complete than SEDS, recovering a larger but flux-dependent fraction of the simulated sources. The

improvement relative to SEDS ranges up to a factor of several, depending on the specific field and source magnitude. Taken at face value, S-CANDELS reaches 50% completeness at roughly $[3.6]-[4.5]=25$ mag in all fields except the ECDFS, where (because of the additional coverage from the ERS and IUDF programs), the 50% completeness threshold is reached at 25.3 mag. Users of S-CANDELS data are cautioned that these are generalizations; the depths are variable across the S-CANDELS fields, and the completeness at any one location is a strong function of both the local source density and the total exposure time.

As with SEDS, the S-CANDELS estimates of photometric error and bias were also based solely on the artificial source simulations, in order to account for the impact

of source confusion in these very deep mosaics. The photometric uncertainties and biases are given respectively in Tables 3 and 4 for each of the S-CANDELS fields, and are shown in Figure 15. The S-CANDELS photometric uncertainties are very close to those measured in the shallower SEDS mosaics (Fig. 27 of Ashby et al. 2013). This is discussed in Section 4.2.

As with SEDS, the measurement bias is relatively small for sources brighter than the 50% completeness limit but grows rapidly at progressively fainter magnitudes (Table 4). This appears to confirm an interpretation in which faint sources are increasingly difficult to deblend from their neighbors. The contamination of the photometric apertures by imperfectly subtracted brighter neighbors affects the photometry even though the measurements were made in source-subtracted residual images. The S-CANDELS catalogs have been corrected to remove the resulting average magnitude bias.

3.2. Photometric Validation

We verified our astrometry by comparing the positions of extracted sources to their counterparts in the references used by the CANDELS team. We also compared to the bright sources in the Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS; Skrutskie et al. 2006). The results are shown in Table 5. The S-CANDELS astrometry is consistent with previous work in the five CANDELS fields. The scatter measured for the positions of sources on the IRAC and non-IRAC catalogs is of order $0''.2$, which is also consistent with analogous measurements carried out in other fields, e.g., SEDS, the SSDF (Ashby et al. 2013b), and SDWFS (Ashby et al. 2009).

We verified our photometry by comparing to the measurements obtained earlier in the shallower SEDS campaign, which were themselves already validated against S-COSMOS (Sanders et al. 2007), SpUDS (version DR2), the EGS (Barmby et al. 2008), and SIMPLE (Damen et al. 2011).

To verify the S-CANDELS flux calibration, we matched the S-CANDELS catalogs to those from SEDS. In all cases, the matching was done using a $0''.5$ search radius, i.e., roughly twice the S-CANDELS 1σ astrometric uncertainty and one-third the IRAC PSFs' FWHMs. Only SEDS sources brighter than 26 AB mag (the SEDS 3σ detection limit) were used for the comparison. Sources close to saturation (<15.4 mag in 200 s exposures) were excluded. The results are shown in Figure 16.

For sources brighter than 25 mag in all fields, S-CANDELS photometry agrees very well with SEDS. There are a few exceptions. In HDFN three of seven sources in the $[3.6]=(16.0,16.5)$ bin differ by ~ 0.2 mag from SEDS, and two of five sources in the brightest $4.5\mu\text{m}$ ECDFS bin are discrepant at a similar level. All of the discrepant sources are bright point sources (Milky Way stars). The S-CANDELS photometry in the complementary IRAC band for these sources agrees with that from SEDS (Fig. 16). Variability is therefore unlikely to be the issue. All discrepant sources lie in parts of the mosaics that combine SEDS and S-CANDELS exposures, and moreover the S-CANDELS residual images for these sources are markedly different than those from SEDS. This suggests that although the PSF fitting technique worked for the vast majority of S-CANDELS sources, it

failed for these few objects, for reasons particular to the details of their immediate surroundings and the mechanics of **StarFinder**.

The photometry for faint sources follows a more consistent pattern. Over a wide magnitude range in both SCANDELS bands the agreement between SCANDELS and SEDS is excellent. In all five fields, however, as the SEDS 26 mag sensitivity limit is approached, a bias becomes apparent in the sense that SEDS sources are systematically brighter than their S-CANDELS counterparts. The bias is lowest overall in the HDFN (~ 0.1 mag), and highest in the UDS (~ 0.5 mag).

To better understand the reason for the faint-source bias, we inspected both the SEDS and S-CANDELS data (mosaics and catalogs) at the locations of the most problematic sources, i.e., those with discrepancies greater than 0.5 mag. Apart from a tendency – by no means universal – to lie in the outskirts of bright sources, the discrepant sources present no obvious common trait in the residual images. They do not lie in regions with obvious background artifacts. Indeed, the S-CANDELS and SEDS photometry of neighbors within $7''$ of discrepant sources agree within the uncertainties, with very few exceptions. The discrepancies are therefore not attributable to issues with the background modeling. The vast majority of discrepant sources also have the same number of neighbors within $7''$ in both SEDS and S-CANDELS. The problem therefore does not generally arise from the **StarFinder** deblending procedure; the same numbers of sources lie in the peripheries of the discrepant sources in both SEDS and S-CANDELS. Finally, we compared the coordinate offsets of matched SEDS and S-CANDELS sources. We found no evidence to suggest that the most discrepant sources were significantly spatially offset in SEDS and S-CANDELS, relative to sources with consistent photometry. Inappropriate placement of the **StarFinder** PSF centroids and apertures is therefore not likely to be the problem.

Having ruled out issues with offset coordinates, poor background estimation, and deblending of different numbers of neighbors, we tentatively attribute the faint-source bias to flux boosting by very-low-level cosmic rays that are not efficiently rejected at SEDS depths. With the factor-of-four greater number of exposures available to S-CANDELS, there is statistical power to reject faint outliers that cannot be ruled out at SEDS depths. This hypothesis is consistent with the fact that the bias is seen to be most pronounced in the faintest two SEDS magnitude bins, and is of roughly the same size as the SEDS uncertainties themselves. The S-CANDELS magnitudes show similar bias but only for sources roughly 0.5 mag fainter than for SEDS, so we cannot rule out an analogous effect in the faintest S-CANDELS bins (cf. Table 4, Ashby et al. 2013, Table 5).

4. DISCUSSION

4.1. Number Counts

S-CANDELS detects roughly 135,000 sources in the combined 0.16 deg^2 area covered by the five fields in the survey. Figures 17 and 18 and Table 6 present the resulting differential source counts along with Milky Way star counts estimated from the Arendt et al. (1998) model for the S-CANDELS lines-of-sight.

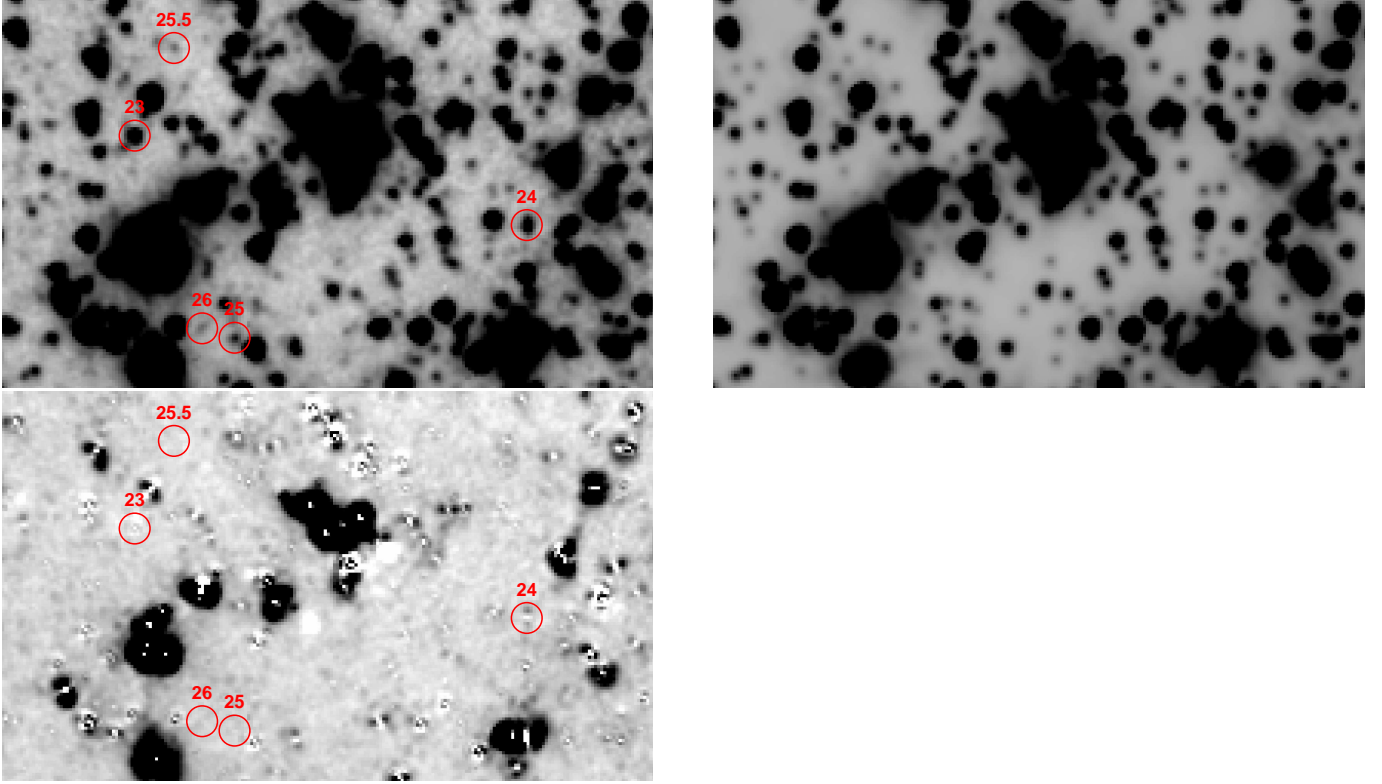


FIG. 13.— Illustration of *StarFinder* source extraction. These negative images show a $2'1 \times 1'2$ region of the $3.6 \mu\text{m}$ S-CANDELS ECDFS mosaic; the other S-CANDELS band and fields behave in a similar way. The linear stretch ranges from -0.001 (white) to 0.004 MJyr^{-1} (black) throughout. *Top left*: The IRAC $3.6 \mu\text{m}$ mosaic created by *IRACProc*. Red circles are placed around sources with AB magnitudes as shown. *Top Right*: The corresponding *StarFinder* model image. *Bottom*: The residual image obtained after the detected sources are removed.

TABLE 2
COMPLETENESS IN THE S-CANDELS IRAC CATALOGS

AB Mag	UDS	ECDFS	COSMOS	HDFN	EGS
18.25	0.998 ± 0.016	1.000 ± 0.019	0.997 ± 0.015	0.997 ± 0.015	0.996 ± 0.020
18.75	0.994 ± 0.015	0.996 ± 0.017	0.995 ± 0.013	0.995 ± 0.014	0.997 ± 0.019
19.25	0.990 ± 0.011	0.996 ± 0.017	0.991 ± 0.011	0.990 ± 0.011	0.992 ± 0.011
19.75	0.987 ± 0.011	0.988 ± 0.016	0.984 ± 0.010	0.982 ± 0.011	0.987 ± 0.011
20.25	0.976 ± 0.011	0.982 ± 0.014	0.975 ± 0.010	0.971 ± 0.011	0.975 ± 0.011
20.75	0.962 ± 0.010	0.974 ± 0.013	0.961 ± 0.010	0.960 ± 0.010	0.964 ± 0.011
21.25	0.955 ± 0.010	0.963 ± 0.011	0.950 ± 0.010	0.943 ± 0.010	0.948 ± 0.011
21.75	0.933 ± 0.013	0.949 ± 0.015	0.929 ± 0.013	0.920 ± 0.013	0.926 ± 0.012
22.25	0.903 ± 0.012	0.921 ± 0.016	0.896 ± 0.012	0.897 ± 0.013	0.900 ± 0.011
22.75	0.871 ± 0.012	0.908 ± 0.016	0.869 ± 0.010	0.862 ± 0.020	0.870 ± 0.010
23.25	0.818 ± 0.015	0.849 ± 0.015	0.822 ± 0.010	0.805 ± 0.022	0.824 ± 0.015
23.75	0.751 ± 0.015	0.800 ± 0.014	0.757 ± 0.010	0.731 ± 0.021	0.753 ± 0.014
24.25	0.668 ± 0.014	0.738 ± 0.009	0.678 ± 0.009	0.649 ± 0.011	0.668 ± 0.013
24.75	0.533 ± 0.012	0.649 ± 0.009	0.570 ± 0.008	0.533 ± 0.009	0.572 ± 0.012
25.25	0.331 ± 0.010	0.525 ± 0.009	0.420 ± 0.007	0.393 ± 0.008	0.427 ± 0.011
25.75	0.090 ± 0.005	0.348 ± 0.007	0.215 ± 0.005	0.213 ± 0.006	0.221 ± 0.008
26.25	0.012 ± 0.002	0.140 ± 0.004	0.048 ± 0.002	0.071 ± 0.003	0.054 ± 0.004
26.75	0.001 ± 0.000	0.018 ± 0.002	0.009 ± 0.002	0.007 ± 0.001	0.005 ± 0.001
27.25	0.000 ± 0.000	0.001 ± 0.000	0.001 ± 0.001	0.000 ± 0.000	0.000 ± 0.000

NOTE. — Completeness estimates for the S-CANDELS fields. The magnitudes correspond to the centers of bins of width 0.5 mag in which the completeness was estimated. The completeness is unity at brighter magnitudes than those listed. These completeness estimates were made for sources detected in both IRAC bands.

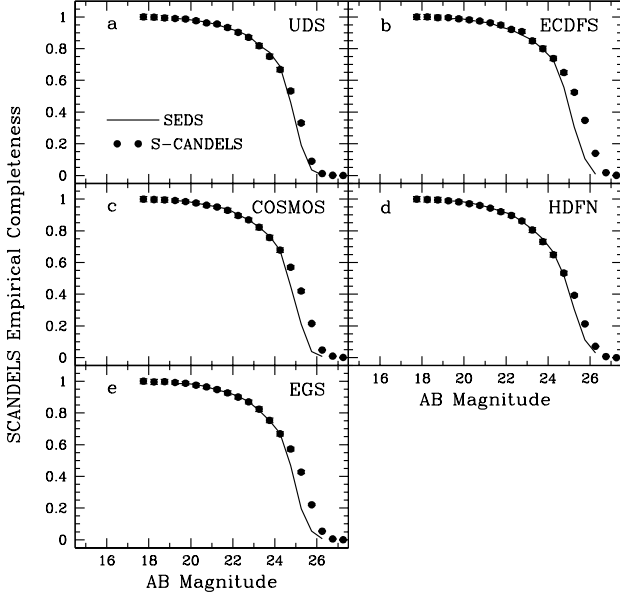


FIG. 14.— Completeness in the S-CANDELS fields estimated by Monte Carlo simulations as described in Section 3.1. Symbols indicate the completeness measured in bins of width 0.5 mag within the S-CANDELS fields shown in Figures 3 to 12 where the depth of coverage was at least 12 hr; the mean coverage was by design significantly higher (Fig 2). The completeness measured for SEDS, specifically coverage of at least 10 ks total exposure time in the wider-but-shallower SEDS mosaics from Ashby et al. (2013), is indicated with the black line. In both cases the values given are by-field averages. The completeness in any particular small region depends on the actual integration time achieved there and on the highly variable local source confusion.

The S-CANDELS counts rely on completeness corrections that are based on simulated sources with zero color, i.e., $[3.6] - [4.5] = 0$. At faint levels they could therefore in principle suffer from subtle systematic effects, because real sources span a range of colors (Figure 19). Our simulations do not fully account for faint, blue $3.6 \mu\text{m}$ sources, which would tend to elude detection in the $4.5 \mu\text{m}$ band. Faint, red $4.5 \mu\text{m}$ sources would be under-counted for the same reason. However, these systematic effects are unlikely to severely bias the S-CANDELS counts. The real IRAC color distribution peaks at $[3.6] - [4.5] = 0$, and the vast majority ($\sim 80\%$) have colors within 0.4 mag of the peak (Figure 19), even down to faint levels. Moreover, the area-weighted mean S-CANDELS counts (Figs. 17f and 18f) show very close agreement with SEDS over the full range of comparison. For $[3.6] = [4.5] > 20$ mag, the counts show no significant deviations from those found for SEDS, suggesting the SEDS completeness corrections were accurate. S-CANDELS uses the same techniques, so its completeness corrections should be similarly robust.

At levels brighter than roughly 18 AB mag in both S-CANDELS bands and in every field, the IRAC counts are consistent with the star count models. SEDS contains relatively few galaxies brighter than 18 mag. The vast majority of sources fainter than 18 mag, however, are galaxies: the contributions of Milky Way stars to the faint counts are negligible.

Helgason et al. (2012) modeled galaxy counts using an ensemble of galaxy luminosity functions assembled from deep multiband observations. They then used this en-

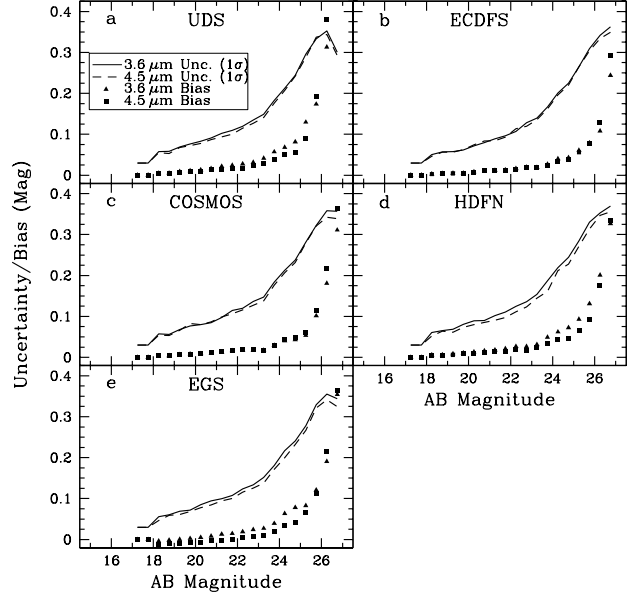


FIG. 15.— S-CANDELS measurement errors based on photometry of simulated sources as described in Section 3.1. The symbols indicate the measurement bias as a function of apparent magnitude. Positive values indicate that measured values are brighter than the true values. The S-CANDELS catalogs have been corrected for this bias. The solid and dashed lines indicate the 1σ measurement uncertainty at 3.6 and $4.5 \mu\text{m}$, respectively. The lower limit of 0.03 mag on the measurement uncertainties reflects the uncertainty in the IRAC absolute calibration.

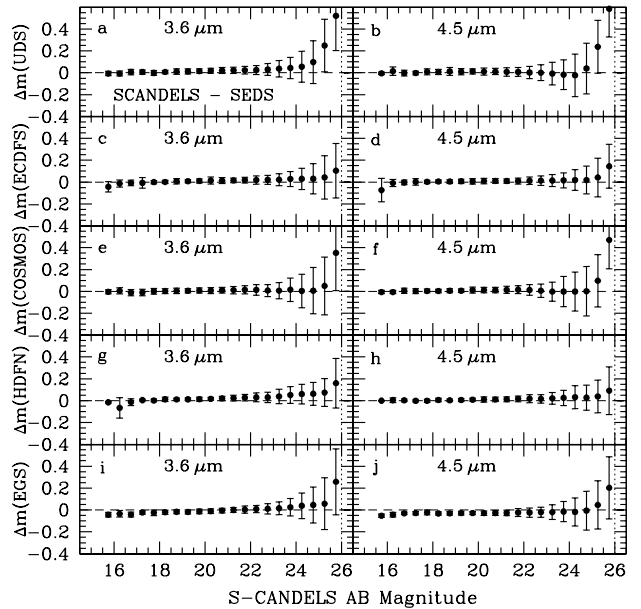


FIG. 16.— A comparison of S-CANDELS and SEDS photometry at 3.6 and $4.5 \mu\text{m}$. Symbols indicate the mean differences for measurements made in $2''.4$ diameter apertures within bins 0.5 mag wide. Positive-valued differences mean sources appear brighter in SEDS than in S-CANDELS on average. All error bars are 1σ . Vertical dotted lines indicate the SEDS 3σ sensitivity limits. The comparison was made after both photometric datasets were corrected to total magnitudes by compensating for empirically determined aperture losses and biases.

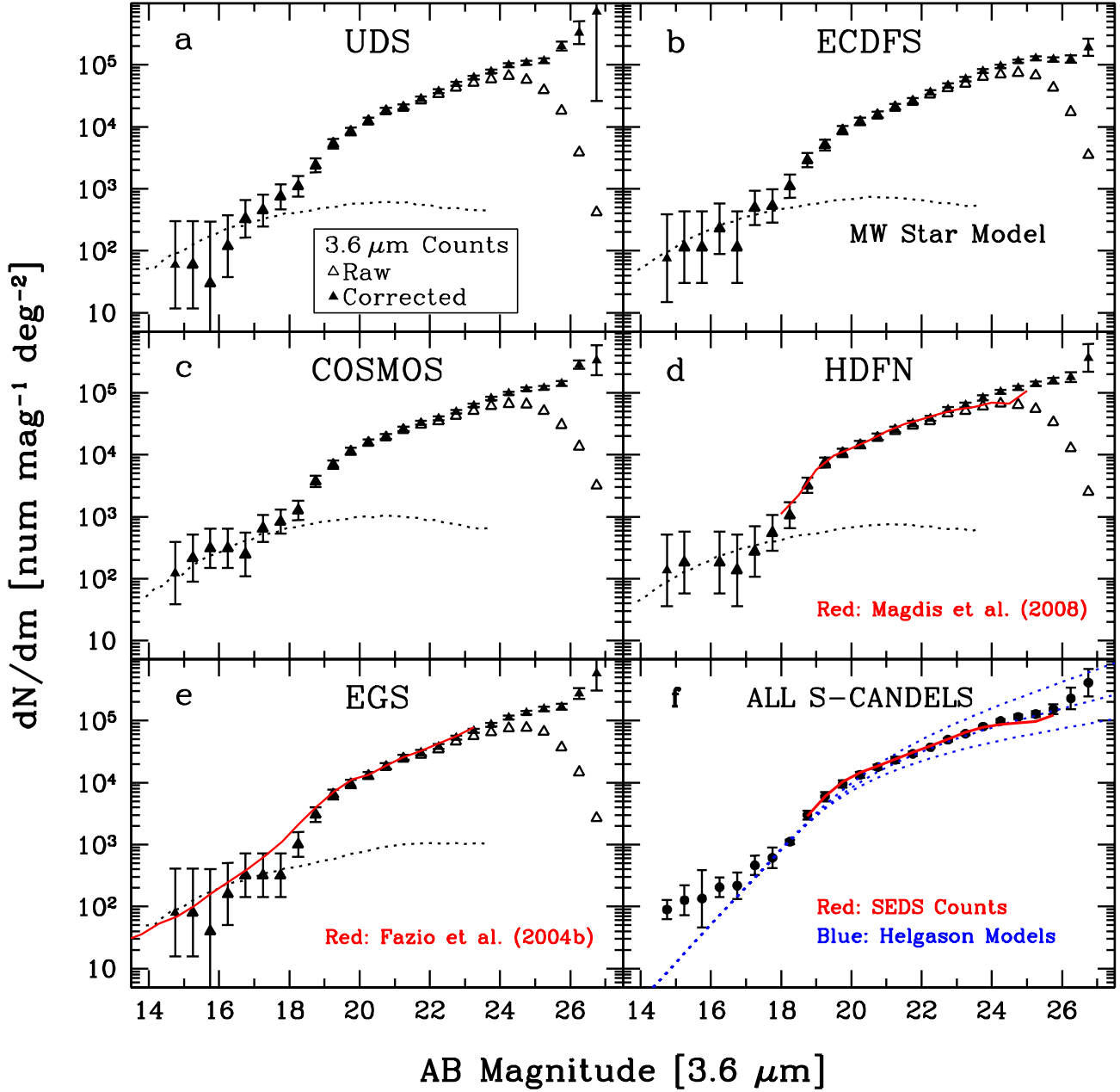


FIG. 17.— Differential 3.6 μm counts in the five S-CANDELS fields. Open symbols show the raw counts, while solid symbols indicate the counts corrected for incompleteness on the basis of simulated detections as described in Section 3.1. Error bars represent the Poisson statistics only in panels a-e. The solid red lines in panels d and e indicate the incompleteness-corrected counts measured in the HDFN by Magdis et al. (2008) and in the EGS by Fazio et al. (2004b), respectively. The dotted lines in panels a-e show the expected counts arising from Milky Way stars, based on the DIRBE Faint Source Model at 3.5 μm (Arendt et al. 1998; Wainscoat et al. 1992; Cohen et al. 1993, 1994, 1995). Panel f shows the area-weighted mean counts for all of S-CANDELS together with predicted counts from Helgason et al. (2012). The upper and lower blue dotted lines indicate the Helgason et al. high-faint-end and low-faint-end luminosity function models, i.e., models in which the slopes of the faint end of the luminosity functions were respectively set to $\alpha = -1.2$ and -0.8 . The middle blue dashed line indicates the so-called ‘default’ model, obtained by averaging the high-faint-end and low-faint-end models. The SEDS source counts are shown in red.

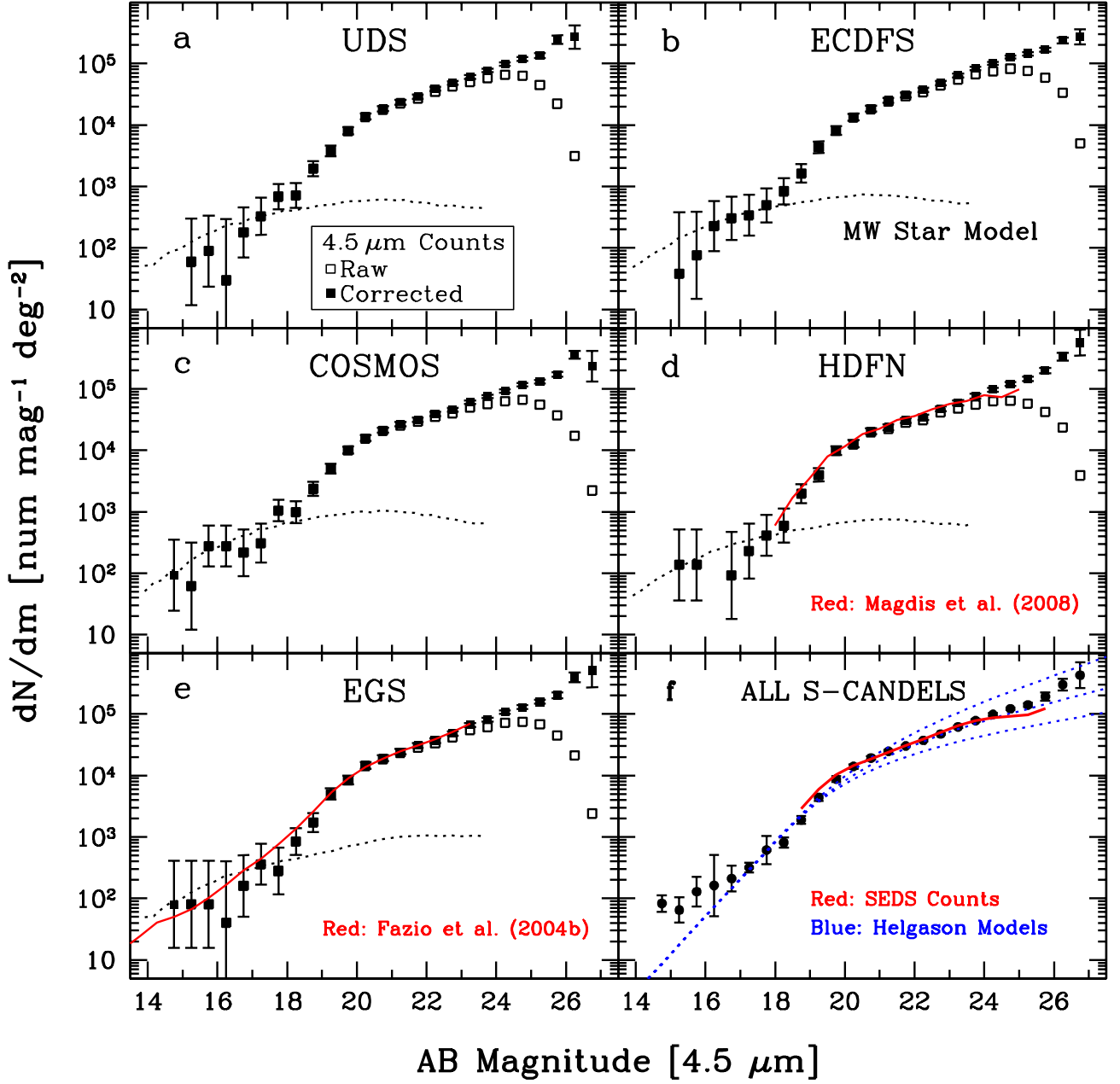


FIG. 18.— Differential counts in the five S-CANDELS fields at $4.5 \mu\text{m}$. The meanings of the symbols are the same as in Fig. 17. The Milky Way Star Models shown are those for DIRBE at $4.9 \mu\text{m}$, from Arendt et al. (1998), Wainscoat et al. (1992), and Cohen et al. (1993, 1994, 1995).

TABLE 3
EMPIRICAL PHOTOMETRIC UNCERTAINTIES FOR S-CANDELS

AB Mag	UDS	ECDFS	COSMOS	HDFN	EGS
3.6 μm					
16.25	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
16.75	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
17.25	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
17.75	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
18.25	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06
18.75	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06
19.25	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07
19.75	0.08	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.07
20.25	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.08
20.75	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09
21.25	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10
21.75	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11
22.25	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12
22.75	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.13
23.25	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15
23.75	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.18
24.25	0.21	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.22
24.75	0.24	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.24
25.25	0.30	0.26	0.28	0.28	0.28
25.75	0.33	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.33
26.25	0.35	0.34	0.36	0.35	0.36
4.5 μm					
16.25	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
16.75	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
17.25	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
17.75	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
18.25	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
18.75	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06
19.25	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.06
19.75	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.07
20.25	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08
20.75	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.08
21.25	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.09
21.75	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.10	0.10
22.25	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.12
22.75	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.13
23.25	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
23.75	0.18	0.16	0.18	0.16	0.17
24.25	0.21	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.20
24.75	0.24	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.23
25.25	0.29	0.26	0.28	0.27	0.27
25.75	0.34	0.30	0.32	0.31	0.32
26.25	0.34	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.34

NOTE. — Empirically determined S-CANDELS 1σ photometric uncertainties (magnitudes) determined using the Monte Carlo simulations described in Section 3.1. An estimated 3% systematic error in the IRAC flux calibration is included and limits the uncertainties for bright sources. Sources brighter than 14.7 AB mag are saturated in S-CANDELS.

semble to predict faint galaxy counts in several passbands, including 3.6 and 4.5 μm . They used existing counts to constrain the faint-end slopes of their luminosity functions. Specifically, only a limited range of faint-end slopes, corresponding to a range of acceptable values for the parameter α , was found to be consistent with existing counts. That range extends from their so-called high-faint-end, with $\alpha = -1.2$, to the low-faint-end ($\alpha = -0.8$). They considered also a ‘default’ model that averages these two cases. The IRAC counts closely follow the ‘default’ model all the way down to [3.6]=[4.5]=26 mag (Figures 17f and 18f). At fainter levels, the counts depart upward in the direction of the high-faint-end scenario. This may not be real, because it occurs at magnitudes where the completeness correction

TABLE 4
PHOTOMETRIC BIAS IN S-CANDELS CATALOGS

Mag	UDS	ECDFS	COSMOS	HDFN	EGS
3.6 μm					
17.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18.25	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
18.75	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
19.25	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
19.75	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
20.25	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
20.75	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
21.25	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
21.75	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01
22.25	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02
22.75	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02
23.25	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03
23.75	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.04
24.25	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.06
24.75	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.08
25.25	0.13	0.06	0.05	0.09	0.08
25.75	0.17	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.12
26.25	0.31	0.11	0.18	0.20	0.19
4.5 μm					
18.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19.25	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
19.75	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
20.25	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
20.75	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
21.25	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
21.75	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00
22.25	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01
22.75	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01
23.25	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01
23.75	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02
24.25	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03
24.75	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.04
25.25	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07
25.75	0.19	0.08	0.11	0.09	0.11
26.25	0.38	0.13	0.22	0.18	0.21

NOTE. — Mean photometric bias in the S-CANDELS fields (magnitudes), determined empirically using the Monte Carlo simulations described in Section 3.1. The bias is zero for sources brighter than the brightest magnitude listed in the Table. The sense of the bias is that artificial sources are measured to be brighter, on average, than they were *a priori* known to be, by the amounts listed. These biases have already been corrected in the catalogs presented here.

is largest, magnifying any small systematic errors that might be present in the counts. It is also consistent with the possibility that faint sources undergo flux boosting, as described in the preceding Section. What can be said with confidence is that the Helgason et al. (2012) models work very well down to very faint levels. More sensitive observations that can overcome the source confusion seen in the IRAC mosaics (e.g., imaging with the *James Webb Space Telescope* or *WISH* (*The Wide-Field Imaging Surveyor for High Redshift*)) will be necessary to confirm this picture for the faintest IRAC-detected sources.

4.2. Source Confusion

For sources brighter than 24.5 mag, the S-CANDELS source detection fraction is not significantly better than that of SEDS despite a factor-of-four improvement in overall integration time. Sources at 24.5 mag or brighter lie well above even the SEDS detection threshold. Sensitivity alone is therefore not limiting the bright-source detection by IRAC in this regime. Moreover, the empiri-

TABLE 5
S-CANDELS ASTROMETRIC OFFSETS

Field	ΔRA (arcsec)	ΔDec (arcsec)	Total (arcsec)	Coordinate Reference
Relative to CANDELS				
UDS	0.00 ± 0.13	-0.02 ± 0.14	0.14 ± 0.10	UKIDSS DR8 (Lawrence et al. 2007)
ECDFS	0.02 ± 0.16	-0.19 ± 0.15	0.27 ± 0.10	GOODS r2.0z (Giavalisco et al. 2004)
COSMOS	0.02 ± 0.15	0.04 ± 0.16	0.19 ± 0.11	COSMOS v2.0 (Koekemoer et al. 2007)
HDFN	0.12 ± 0.27	0.01 ± 0.19	0.30 ± 0.17	GOODS r2.0z (Giavalisco et al. 2004)
EGS	0.03 ± 0.14	-0.02 ± 0.16	0.19 ± 0.20	Lotz et al. (2008)
Relative to 2MASS				
UDS	0.00 ± 0.18	-0.03 ± 0.19	0.23 ± 0.12	Skrutskie et al. (2006)
ECDFS	-0.01 ± 0.16	0.03 ± 0.18	0.22 ± 0.11	"
COSMOS	-0.02 ± 0.17	0.00 ± 0.17	0.22 ± 0.11	"
HDFN	-0.03 ± 0.16	0.00 ± 0.16	0.20 ± 0.11	"
EGS	0.03 ± 0.18	0.00 ± 0.16	0.21 ± 0.12	"

NOTE. — Mean coordinate offsets measured for S-CANDELS relative to astrometric references. The upper half of the Table compares the S-CANDELS IRAC source positions to the astrometric references adopted by CANDELS. The bottom half of the Table compares the S-CANDELS source positions to 2MASS. Total offsets refer to the mean absolute offsets. The stated uncertainties are the standard deviations of the offset distributions for matched sources.

cally determined S-CANDELS photometric uncertainties for bright sources are very similar to those for SEDS. We suggest that source confusion is the dominant contributor to the photometric uncertainties for magnitudes < 24.5 mag. Deeper IRAC observations alone will not improve the detection fraction or the photometric uncertainties for such bright sources.

For fainter sources, the picture is more nuanced. Source confusion is undoubtedly a factor, as evidenced by the similarity of SEDS and S-CANDELS uncertainties down to the limits of the surveys. However, for the deeper S-CANDELS, the detection fraction at > 24.5 mag is up to factors of several larger. Inspection of the respective catalogs revealed that the majority of the faint S-CANDELS sources *not detected by SEDS* lie in relatively source-free portions of the fields. It is in precisely these places that the improvement in sensitivity can be effective at identifying faint objects by decreasing the background shot noise.

One way to better understand the impact of source confusion on deep IRAC imaging is to quantify the available source-free area that will yield additional IRAC detections when imaged more deeply. A conservative estimate of this area is that in which detected sources contribute less surface brightness than the surface brightness noise level σ . We estimated σ for both SEDS and S-CANDELS using the residual images, i.e., after removing detected sources, and allowing for the effect of correlated noise.¹¹ By this definition, the source-free areas in 12 hr SEDS integrations are $\sim 40\%$ and $\sim 50\%$ in the 3.6 and $4.5 \mu\text{m}$ bands, respectively. The fractions that remain free in the 50 hr S-CANDELS mosaics are smaller, $\sim 30\%$ and $\sim 40\%$ at 3.6 and $4.5 \mu\text{m}$, respectively. In other words, of order half the SEDS area and one-third the S-CANDELS area is effectively clear. Within those areas, integrating longer to reduce the shot noise can improve the detection statistics, and we see the results in the increased S-CANDELS completeness (relative to

SEDS) for sources fainter than 24.5 mag.

In summary, source confusion does play a role for faint sources, but the much deeper S-CANDELS program nonetheless detects a significantly greater fraction of such sources. Somewhat counter-intuitively, the faint IRAC sources are not as rigidly limited by source confusion as the bright ones.

4.3. IRAC Color Distribution

The IRAC colors of the sources give clues to their redshifts and luminosities. For example, Sorba & Sawicki (2010) and Barro et al. (2011) showed that the $[3.6] - [4.5]$ color is a useful photometric redshift indicator, especially for separating galaxies at $z \lesssim 1.3$ from those at $z \gtrsim 1.5$. Ashby et al. (2013) showed (their Fig. 31) that the observed color distribution is in fact bimodal for $[3.6] < 23.5$ and that the red peak grows relative to the blue one as fainter sources are considered. Figure 19 shows the same trend for the fainter sources observed in S-CANDELS. Smaller color uncertainties than in SEDS give a hint of bimodality for $23.5 < [3.6] \leq 24.5$, but fainter sources show a single peak. Sources with blue colors are still present, but their proportion is significantly smaller than at brighter magnitudes. The effect of increasing uncertainty in the photometry of the faintest sources (Fig. 15), and likewise in their colors, is visible as a broadening of the wings of their histogram. The faintest sources plotted, at $[3.6] \approx 25$, correspond to ~ 5 mag fainter than L^* at $z = 1.2$ or ~ 3 mag fainter than L^* at $z = 2.9$ (based on luminosity functions given by Helgason et al.). At $z > 3$ the galaxy space density decreases approximately exponentially, and such galaxies will constitute only a small fraction of the sample. Therefore most of the faint sources are likely to be galaxies a few magnitudes fainter than L^* at $z = 1.2-3$.

4.4. The Integrated Background Light from IRAC Sources

Space-based surveys such as S-CANDELS, hold the potential to identify the source giving rise to the Cosmic Infrared Background (CIB). That part of the CIB that arises in discrete sources can be robustly estimated by identifying and photometering those sources and subsequently computing their contribution to the CIB in

¹¹ Each mosaic pixel is one-fourth of an IRAC pixel, so the true noise is double the standard deviation measured in the mosaic. Surface brightness due to known sources was measured on the model mosaics, which by construction include the contributions of all detected sources and nothing else.

TABLE 6
S-CANDELS IRAC NUMBER COUNTS

Mag (AB)	UDS		ECDFS		COSMOS		HDFN		EGS		Total	
	Counts	Unc.	Counts	Unc.	Counts	Unc.	Counts	Unc.	Counts	Unc.	Counts	Unc.
3.6 μm												
14.75	1.77	0.71	1.88	0.71	2.09	0.50	2.14	0.58	1.90	0.71	1.95	0.15
15.25	1.77	0.71	2.06	0.58	2.33	0.38	2.26	0.50	1.90	0.71	2.10	0.24
15.75	1.47	1.00	2.06	0.58	2.49	0.32	2.26	0.50	1.60	1.00	2.13	0.46
16.25	2.08	0.50	2.36	0.41	2.49	0.32	2.26	0.50	2.20	0.50	2.31	0.16
16.75	2.51	0.30	2.06	0.58	2.39	0.35	2.14	0.58	2.50	0.35	2.34	0.21
17.25	2.65	0.26	2.69	0.28	2.81	0.22	2.44	0.41	2.50	0.35	2.67	0.16
17.75	2.87	0.20	2.73	0.27	2.92	0.19	2.74	0.29	2.50	0.35	2.79	0.17
18.25	3.04	0.17	3.04	0.19	3.10	0.16	3.02	0.21	3.00	0.20	3.05	0.04
18.75	3.38	0.11	3.46	0.12	3.57	0.09	3.51	0.12	3.48	0.12	3.48	0.07
19.25	3.73	0.08	3.70	0.09	3.84	0.07	3.87	0.08	3.81	0.08	3.78	0.07
19.75	3.92	0.06	3.94	0.07	4.06	0.05	4.03	0.07	3.98	0.07	3.98	0.06
20.25	4.10	0.05	4.09	0.06	4.20	0.05	4.17	0.06	4.12	0.06	4.13	0.05
20.75	4.26	0.04	4.20	0.05	4.29	0.04	4.29	0.05	4.27	0.05	4.25	0.04
21.25	4.32	0.04	4.33	0.04	4.42	0.04	4.41	0.04	4.41	0.04	4.37	0.05
21.75	4.45	0.04	4.42	0.04	4.52	0.04	4.50	0.04	4.49	0.04	4.47	0.04
22.25	4.57	0.03	4.55	0.04	4.59	0.03	4.59	0.04	4.58	0.04	4.57	0.02
22.75	4.69	0.03	4.67	0.03	4.69	0.03	4.73	0.04	4.73	0.03	4.69	0.03
23.25	4.79	0.03	4.77	0.03	4.79	0.03	4.80	0.04	4.83	0.03	4.79	0.03
23.75	4.89	0.03	4.90	0.03	4.91	0.03	4.92	0.04	4.93	0.03	4.90	0.02
24.25	4.99	0.03	4.98	0.03	4.99	0.03	5.01	0.03	5.05	0.03	5.00	0.03
24.75	5.03	0.03	5.06	0.03	5.06	0.03	5.08	0.03	5.13	0.03	5.06	0.04
25.25	5.07	0.04	5.11	0.03	5.08	0.03	5.14	0.04	5.19	0.04	5.11	0.05
25.75	5.30	0.07	5.09	0.04	5.15	0.04	5.19	0.05	5.22	0.05	5.18	0.08
26.25	5.52	0.18	5.09	0.06	5.45	0.07	5.25	0.08	5.44	0.09	5.36	0.18
26.75	5.86	1.44	5.28	0.14	5.52	0.24	5.56	0.23	5.76	0.28	5.61	0.22
4.5 μm												
14.75	...	...	...	...	1.97	0.58	...	...	1.90	0.71	1.92	0.14
15.25	1.77	0.71	1.58	1.00	1.79	0.71	2.14	0.58	1.90	0.71	1.81	0.21
15.75	1.95	0.58	1.88	0.71	2.44	0.33	2.14	0.58	1.90	0.71	2.11	0.24
16.25	1.47	1.00	2.36	0.41	2.44	0.33	...	...	1.60	1.00	2.21	0.50
16.75	2.25	0.41	2.48	0.35	2.33	0.38	1.96	0.71	2.20	0.50	2.32	0.21
17.25	2.51	0.30	2.53	0.33	2.49	0.32	2.36	0.45	2.56	0.33	2.50	0.08
17.75	2.83	0.21	2.69	0.28	3.02	0.17	2.62	0.33	2.45	0.38	2.79	0.23
18.25	2.85	0.20	2.92	0.21	3.00	0.18	2.78	0.28	2.93	0.22	2.91	0.08
18.75	3.29	0.12	3.21	0.15	3.37	0.12	3.30	0.15	3.24	0.15	3.28	0.06
19.25	3.58	0.09	3.64	0.10	3.70	0.08	3.60	0.11	3.70	0.09	3.64	0.06
19.75	3.90	0.06	3.91	0.07	4.00	0.06	4.00	0.07	3.93	0.07	3.94	0.05
20.25	4.14	0.05	4.13	0.06	4.20	0.05	4.11	0.06	4.17	0.05	4.15	0.04
20.75	4.27	0.04	4.27	0.05	4.33	0.04	4.31	0.05	4.28	0.05	4.29	0.03
21.25	4.37	0.04	4.40	0.04	4.42	0.04	4.37	0.05	4.39	0.04	4.39	0.02
21.75	4.46	0.04	4.49	0.04	4.50	0.04	4.48	0.04	4.49	0.04	4.48	0.02
22.25	4.59	0.03	4.57	0.04	4.59	0.03	4.53	0.04	4.57	0.04	4.57	0.02
22.75	4.68	0.03	4.68	0.03	4.66	0.03	4.68	0.04	4.68	0.03	4.67	0.01
23.25	4.78	0.03	4.81	0.03	4.78	0.03	4.77	0.04	4.82	0.03	4.79	0.02
23.75	4.89	0.03	4.92	0.03	4.87	0.03	4.88	0.04	4.91	0.03	4.89	0.02
24.25	4.99	0.03	5.00	0.03	4.96	0.03	4.99	0.03	5.03	0.03	4.99	0.02
24.75	5.08	0.03	5.10	0.03	5.07	0.03	5.08	0.03	5.11	0.03	5.09	0.02
25.25	5.13	0.04	5.16	0.03	5.12	0.03	5.16	0.04	5.20	0.04	5.15	0.03
25.75	5.39	0.07	5.23	0.03	5.23	0.04	5.29	0.04	5.30	0.04	5.28	0.07
26.25	5.43	0.19	5.38	0.05	5.55	0.07	5.52	0.07	5.60	0.08	5.48	0.09
26.75	...	...	5.44	0.12	5.37	0.25	5.75	0.21	5.71	0.28	5.63	0.21

NOTE. — Differential number counts measured for S-CANDELS in bins of width 0.5 mag, expressed in terms of $\log(N) \text{ mag}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-2}$. Counts given as “Total” are area-weighted means derived from all five S-CANDELS fields using the areas given in Table 1. All uncertainties are 1σ . The errors given for individual fields reflect only \sqrt{N} counting errors, but the uncertainties attributed to “Total” counts also take field-field variations into account.

toto. Indeed, this was one of the original motivations for both SEDS and S-CANDELS. The outcome of the SEDS measurement was that IRAC-detected sources account for only about half of the DIRBE CIB estimates. More specifically, SEDS 3.6 and 4.5 μm sources account respectively for 5.6 ± 1.0 and $4.4 \pm 0.8 \text{ nW m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}$ down to 26 mag (see Ashby et al. for details of the measurement). This is less than half the estimate from DIRBE ($13.3 \pm 2.8 \text{ nW m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}$; Levenson et al. 2007), although

one should bear in mind that the DIRBE estimate depends on modeling and subtracting a large and inherently uncertain zodiacal foreground that is very bright compared to the CIB surface brightness.

With its greater completeness, S-CANDELS confirms the initial SEDS measurements (Figures 17 and 18) of the resolved fraction of the CIB. However, the increase in the resolved CIB from S-CANDELS is small: just 0.08 ± 0.03 and $0.09 \pm 0.03 \text{ nW m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}$ at 3.6 and 4.5 μm , respec-

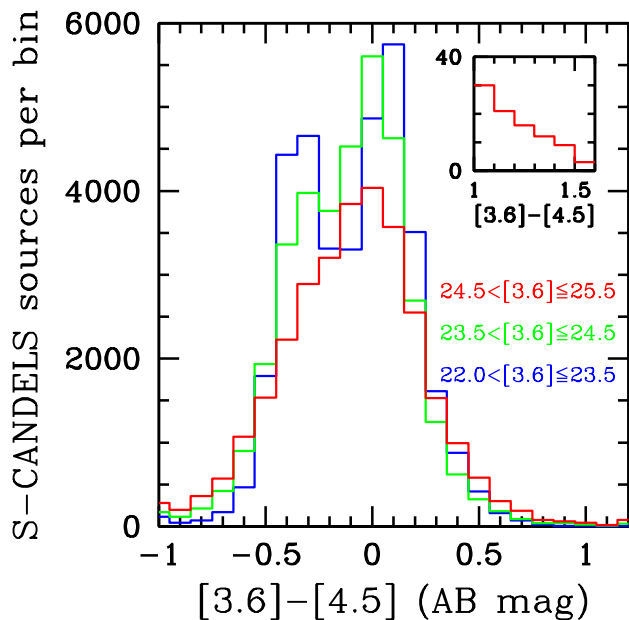


FIG. 19.— Histograms of S-CANDELS sources in three magnitude bins as indicated by colors. The inset shows the distribution of the reddest sources in the $24.5 < [3.6] \leq 25.5$ magnitude range. There are 118 sources in this range with $[3.6] - [4.5] > 1$ of which 27 have $[3.6] - [4.5] > 1.6$. Given the photometric uncertainties (Fig. 16), the apparent red colors may be due to photometric errors.

tively. Thus even with the fourfold increase in overall integration time, the marginal increase in resolved CIB light from S-CANDELS is much less than the uncertainty in the original SEDS measurement. The revised estimate for the total contribution of resolved sources to the CIB in the IRAC bands is 5.7 ± 1.0 and $4.5 \pm 0.8 \text{ nW m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}$.

5. S-CANDELS CATALOGS

The S-CANDELS IRAC catalogs are presented in Tables 7 through 11. In addition to the PSF-fitted magnitudes on which the source detection is based, they also list the IRAC positions and photometry at both 3.6 and $4.5 \mu\text{m}$ in six apertures of diameters $2''.4$, $3''.6$, $4''.8$, $6''$, $7''.2$, and $12''$. All the photometry has been aperture-corrected and adjusted to account for the empirically determined biases given in Table 4, i.e., all magnitudes are expressed as total magnitudes. The catalogs also provide 1σ uncertainty estimates, but only for the $2''.4$ -diameter aperture photometry, because time constraints made it impractical to simulate photometry for all the aperture diameters. Users are encouraged to use the $2''.4$ aperture for photometry of faint sources. The other apertures are provided so that users can construct the curve of growth for large, extended sources.

Users should be aware of some limitations of the S-CANDELS catalogs, which are described here.

- At the faintest levels ($[3.6] = [4.5] > 26$) residual effects of cosmic rays may, on average, lead sources to appear slightly brighter than they really are. If real, this flux boosting is comparable in magnitude to the cataloged uncertainties, but would not have been captured in the simulations because the simulated sources were inserted into the final mosaics, not the individual exposures.

- Although a source must be detected in both IRAC bands in order to be included in the S-CANDELS catalogs, those catalogs nonetheless contain some spurious sources (for example, where Airy rings of bright sources overlap).
- Down to $[3.6] = [4.5] = 26.5$ the S-CANDELS catalogs are limited more strongly by source confusion than by sensitivity, given the high source area density relative to the IRAC beam sizes at 3.6 and $4.5 \mu\text{m}$. It is therefore inevitable that some real IRAC sources lying well above the detection threshold are absent from the S-CANDELS catalogs (Section 3.1).
- Sources brighter than $[3.6] = [4.5] = 15.4$ lie close to the IRAC saturation limit, and their cataloged photometry is therefore suspect.

6. APPLICATIONS OF THE S-CANDELS IRAC DATA

S-CANDELS was conceived and executed to aid in detecting and characterizing the faintest, most distant objects accessible in the 3.6 and $4.5 \mu\text{m}$ bandpasses. In its survey area, S-CANDELS quadrupled the total integration time of its predecessor SEDS from 12 to 50 hours, but over a smaller area, just 0.16 deg^2 . In doing so, S-CANDELS achieved significantly higher completeness for the sources most likely to lie at high redshift, i.e., objects fainter than 24 mag in the IRAC bands.

The CANDELS collaboration has already been combining S-CANDELS IRAC data with imaging from *HST*/ACS and WFC3: in the ECDFS by Guo et al. (2013), in COSMOS by Nayyeri et al. in preparation, in the HDFN by Barro et al. in preparation, and in the EGS by Stefanon et al. in preparation. But at the same time the S-CANDELS data have also been used in several studies that exploit their long-anticipated utility for constraining the properties of individual sources. For example, Mortlock et al. (2015) combined S-CANDELS with CANDELS data to estimate the galaxy stellar mass function for galaxies in the redshift range $0.3 < z < 3$. Duncan et al. (2014) and Grazian et al. (2015) carried out related analyses but at more distant redshifts, $4 < z < 7$ and $3.5 < z < 7.5$, respectively. These and similar efforts exploit the special power of IRAC photometry to elucidate the stellar masses of distant objects. Smit et al. (2015) exploited IRAC S-CANDELS photometry to identify promising galaxy candidates in a high but narrow redshift range, $6.6 < z < 6.9$, interpreting their rare and very blue IRAC colors as the effect of strong nebular emission. The S-CANDELS IRAC photometry is also useful for constraining photometric redshifts because it extends the CANDELS coverage into the rest-frame near-infrared wavelengths for distant galaxies (Nayyeri et al. 2014) or even rest-visible wavelengths for galaxies at extreme redshifts (Ouchi et al. 2013; Hsu et al. 2014; Finkelstein et al. 2014; 2015). These achievements hint at a potentially rich legacy for S-CANDELS, but it is very likely that other projects not yet even imagined will also make use of these data in the years to come.

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TABLE 7
FULL-DEPTH SOURCE CATALOG FOR THE S-CANDELS UDS FIELD

Object	RA,Dec (J2000)	3.6 μ m AB Magnitudes ^a 4.5 μ m AB Magnitudes	3.6 μ m Unc. ^b 4.5 μ m Unc.	3.6 μ m Bias ^c 4.5 μ m Bias ^e	3.6 μ m Coverage ^d 4.5 μ m Coverage ^f
SCANDELS J021756.87-050757.4	34.48698,-5.13260	14.03 14.02 13.85 13.78 13.74 13.72 13.68	0.03	0.00	197
		14.12 14.12 14.05 13.98 13.94 13.94 13.92	0.03	0.00	198
SCANDELS J021725.24-051804.6	34.35517,-5.30129	14.25 14.24 14.16 14.11 14.09 14.08 14.06	0.03	0.00	203
		14.52 14.52 14.49 14.44 14.41 14.41 14.41	0.03	0.00	384
SCANDELS J021657.23-050801.5	34.23847,-5.13375	14.29 14.29 14.20 14.16 14.14 14.13 14.11	0.03	0.00	253
		14.53 14.57 14.56 14.55 14.55 14.57 14.60	0.03	0.00	335
SCANDELS J021654.28-051817.3	34.22616,-5.30482	14.35 14.34 14.31 14.29 14.28 14.28 14.26	0.03	0.00	236
		14.58 14.58 14.61 14.60 14.59 14.59 14.60	0.03	0.00	297
SCANDELS J021803.06-051628.9	34.51275,-5.27470	14.40 14.17 13.99 13.84 13.65 13.50 13.00	0.03	0.00	193
		13.90 13.78 13.66 13.60 13.53 13.45 13.23	0.03	0.00	179
SCANDELS J021823.63-051923.9	34.59845,-5.32332	14.53 14.53 14.53 14.53 14.53 14.53 14.53	0.03	0.00	266
		14.86 14.86 14.90 14.90 14.89 14.89 14.90	0.03	0.00	328
SCANDELS J021724.98-051320.1	34.35407,-5.22225	14.58 14.57 14.52 14.49 14.47 14.46 14.45	0.03	0.00	323
		14.78 14.78 14.81 14.79 14.77 14.76 14.77	0.03	0.00	516
SCANDELS J021649.03-051556.9	34.20429,-5.26580	14.71 14.71 14.75 14.77 14.78 14.78 14.79	0.03	0.00	331
		15.08 15.08 15.15 15.16 15.16 15.16 15.21	0.03	0.00	408
SCANDELS J021721.60-050935.6	34.34002,-5.15988	14.80 14.80 14.81 14.81 14.82 14.82 14.82	0.03	0.00	1030
		15.04 15.04 15.12 15.13 15.13 15.14 15.16	0.03	0.00	1918

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^b Uncertainties given are 1σ , and apply to the 2''4 diameter aperture magnitudes.

^c 3.6 μ m photometric biases already applied to the aperture photometry.

^d Depth of coverage expressed in units of 100 s IRAC frames that observed the source.

TABLE 8
FULL-DEPTH SOURCE CATALOG FOR THE S-CANDELS ECDFS FIELD

Object	RA,Dec (J2000)	3.6 μ m AB Magnitudes ^a 4.5 μ m AB Magnitudes	3.6 μ m Unc. ^b 4.5 μ m Unc.	3.6 μ m Bias ^c 4.5 μ m Bias ^e	3.6 μ m Coverage ^d 4.5 μ m Coverage ^f
SCANDELS J033314.06-273424.8	53.30857,-27.57356	11.22 11.20 11.12 11.11 11.11 11.11 11.12	0.03	0.00	420
		11.87 11.82 11.72 11.70 11.68 11.67 11.67	0.03	0.00	381
SCANDELS J033222.57-275805.6	53.09403,-27.96822	12.19 12.16 12.11 12.10 12.10 12.10 12.10	0.03	0.00	794
		12.84 12.79 12.71 12.68 12.66 12.65 12.65	0.03	0.00	729
SCANDELS J033242.07-275702.2	53.17528,-27.95062	12.78 12.74 12.70 12.69 12.69 12.69 12.70	0.03	0.00	749
		13.47 13.44 13.35 13.30 13.28 13.26 13.25	0.03	0.00	706
SCANDELS J033316.93-275338.7	53.32054,-27.89409	13.76 13.74 13.69 13.66 13.65 13.65 13.66	0.03	0.00	1586
		14.46 14.43 14.36 14.33 14.31 14.31 14.30	0.03	0.00	505
SCANDELS J033314.46-275428.0	53.31027,-27.90777	14.55 14.54 14.52 14.51 14.52 14.52 14.52	0.03	0.00	1580
		14.85 14.86 14.90 14.91 14.91 14.92 14.92	0.03	0.00	468
SCANDELS J033219.13-273933.6	53.07972,-27.65933	14.62 14.59 14.53 14.51 14.50 14.50 14.49	0.03	0.00	503
		14.75 14.76 14.78 14.80 14.81 14.82 14.83	0.03	0.00	503
SCANDELS J033318.60-274218.5	53.32752,-27.70513	14.66 14.65 14.61 14.60 14.60 14.60 14.60	0.03	0.00	457
		14.89 14.89 14.92 14.93 14.93 14.94 14.94	0.03	0.00	444
SCANDELS J033312.35-274232.8	53.30144,-27.70911	14.74 14.72 14.69 14.68 14.68 14.67 14.67	0.03	0.00	484
		15.01 15.03 15.06 15.08 15.10 15.12 15.14	0.03	0.00	475
SCANDELS J033159.82-274917.0	52.99924,-27.82140	14.79 14.78 14.76 14.75 14.75 14.76 14.76	0.03	0.00	461
		15.05 15.06 15.07 15.08 15.09 15.09 15.10	0.03	0.00	503

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^b Uncertainties given are 1σ , and apply to the 2''4 diameter aperture magnitudes.

^c 3.6 μ m photometric biases already applied to the aperture photometry.

^d Depth of coverage expressed in units of 100 s IRAC frames that observed the source.

TABLE 9
FULL-DEPTH SOURCE CATALOG FOR THE S-CANDELS COSMOS FIELD

Object	RA,Dec (J2000)	3.6 μ m AB Magnitudes ^a 4.5 μ m AB Magnitudes								3.6 μ m Unc. ^b 4.5 μ m Unc.	3.6 μ m Bias ^c 4.5 μ m Bias ^e	3.6 μ m Coverage ^d 4.5 μ m Coverage ^f
SCANDELS J100009.66+022349.0	150.04023,2.39693	11.10	11.06	11.00	10.96	10.95	10.95	10.95	10.95	0.03	0.00	1267
		11.67	11.62	11.53	11.51	11.50	11.49	11.48	11.48	0.03	0.00	555
SCANDELS J100002.32+023259.2	150.00969,2.54979	12.56	12.55	12.54	12.53	12.51	12.51	12.51	12.51	0.03	0.00	6
		13.90	13.82	13.64	13.52	13.46	13.44	13.40	13.40	0.03	0.00	10
SCANDELS J100032.57+020825.6	150.13569,2.14045	12.69	12.66	12.61	12.59	12.57	12.56	12.56	12.56	0.03	0.00	357
		13.27	13.24	13.18	13.13	13.11	13.10	13.09	13.09	0.03	0.00	295
SCANDELS J100036.89+022357.5	150.15371,2.39930	13.60	13.58	13.53	13.50	13.49	13.48	13.48	13.48	0.03	0.00	2091
		14.43	14.40	14.31	14.26	14.23	14.22	14.20	14.20	0.03	0.00	1104
SCANDELS J100027.69+022752.3	150.11539,2.46452	13.74	13.72	13.66	13.63	13.62	13.61	13.61	13.61	0.03	0.00	1138
		14.57	14.54	14.42	14.37	14.34	14.34	14.32	14.32	0.03	0.00	616
SCANDELS J100104.31+023015.9	150.26796,2.50441	13.90	13.78	13.57	13.43	13.34	13.30	13.24	13.24	0.03	0.00	12
		13.85	13.78	13.63	13.53	13.47	13.46	13.42	13.42	0.03	0.00	6
SCANDELS J100017.19+022554.9	150.07163,2.43191	14.00	13.99	13.93	13.88	13.87	13.86	13.85	13.85	0.03	0.00	804
		14.54	14.51	14.44	14.40	14.38	14.37	14.35	14.35	0.03	0.00	807
SCANDELS J095954.72+021706.6	149.97801,2.28518	14.10	14.07	13.95	13.89	13.85	13.84	13.82	13.82	0.03	0.00	9
		14.30	14.28	14.22	14.19	14.17	14.16	14.15	14.15	0.03	0.00	7
SCANDELS J100045.10+021636.9	150.18790,2.27693	14.15	14.12	14.05	14.00	13.97	13.96	13.95	13.95	0.03	0.00	662
		14.58	14.55	14.50	14.47	14.45	14.44	14.43	14.43	0.03	0.00	719

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^b Uncertainties given are 1 σ , and apply to the 2''4 diameter aperture magnitudes.

^c 3.6 μ m photometric biases already applied to the aperture photometry.

^d Depth of coverage expressed in units of 100 s IRAC frames that observed the source.

TABLE 10
FULL-DEPTH SOURCE CATALOG FOR THE S-CANDELS HDFN FIELD

Object	RA,Dec (J2000)	3.6 μ m AB Magnitudes ^a 4.5 μ m AB Magnitudes								3.6 μ m Unc. ^b 4.5 μ m Unc.	3.6 μ m Bias ^c 4.5 μ m Bias ^e	3.6 μ m Coverage ^d 4.5 μ m Coverage ^f
SCANDELS J123737.90+621630.6	189.40794,62.27517	12.97	12.96	12.97	12.97	12.97	12.97	12.99	12.99	0.03	0.00	2031
		13.85	13.82	13.75	13.69	13.66	13.65	13.64	13.64	0.03	0.00	812
SCANDELS J123653.00+620727.1	189.22084,62.12419	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.11	13.10	13.10	13.10	13.10	0.03	0.00	862
		14.06	14.03	13.91	13.84	13.80	13.79	13.77	13.77	0.03	0.00	476
SCANDELS J123625.05+622115.8	189.10438,62.35439	14.28	14.28	14.15	14.08	14.04	14.03	14.00	14.00	0.03	0.00	70
		14.56	14.52	14.44	14.39	14.36	14.35	14.33	14.33	0.03	0.00	211
SCANDELS J123640.15+621941.4	189.16728,62.32817	14.62	14.61	14.57	14.54	14.52	14.51	14.51	14.51	0.03	0.00	1047
		15.08	15.04	14.98	14.95	14.93	14.92	14.92	14.92	0.03	0.00	1341
SCANDELS J123554.73+622201.8	188.97804,62.36716	14.80	14.18	13.95	13.74	13.47	13.27	12.70	12.70	0.03	0.00	240
		14.50	14.16	13.95	13.81	13.61	13.42	12.97	12.97	0.03	0.00	21
SCANDELS J123536.12+621647.2	188.90052,62.27976	14.80	14.81	14.81	14.81	14.81	14.81	14.82	14.82	0.03	0.00	298
		15.12	15.13	15.15	15.16	15.17	15.18	15.19	15.19	0.03	0.00	504
SCANDELS J123743.03+621900.9	189.42929,62.31692	14.86	14.84	14.82	14.81	14.80	14.80	14.80	14.80	0.03	0.00	1357
		15.13	15.18	15.21	15.24	15.28	15.30	15.37	15.37	0.03	0.00	1795
SCANDELS J123546.52+620749.2	188.94385,62.13033	14.90	14.91	14.94	14.96	14.97	14.97	14.97	14.97	0.03	0.00	402
		15.40	15.40	15.42	15.43	15.44	15.44	15.44	15.44	0.03	0.00	508
SCANDELS J123633.72+620807.3	189.14049,62.13535	14.96	14.96	14.97	14.98	14.98	14.98	14.98	14.98	0.03	0.00	1219
		15.32	15.35	15.39	15.41	15.43	15.43	15.45	15.45	0.03	0.00	1212

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^b Uncertainties given are 1 σ , and apply to the 2''4 diameter aperture magnitudes.

^c 3.6 μ m photometric biases already applied to the aperture photometry.

^d Depth of coverage expressed in units of 100 s IRAC frames that observed the source.

TABLE 11
FULL-DEPTH SOURCE CATALOG FOR THE S-CANDELS EGS FIELD

Object	RA,Dec (J2000)	3.6 μ m AB Magnitudes ^a 4.5 μ m AB Magnitudes								3.6 μ m Unc. ^b 4.5 μ m Unc.	3.6 μ m Bias ^c 4.5 μ m Bias ^e	3.6 μ m Coverage ^d 4.5 μ m Coverage ^f
SCANDELS J141904.58+524811.5	214.76910,52.80319	13.45	13.45	13.41	13.40	13.39	13.39	13.40		0.03	0.00	1567
		14.46	14.42	14.32	14.26	14.23	14.22	14.21		0.03	0.00	743
SCANDELS J141846.53+524522.2	214.69387,52.75616	14.73	14.74	14.70	14.68	14.67	14.66	14.66		0.03	0.00	640
		14.84	14.85	14.89	14.91	14.92	14.92	14.93		0.03	0.00	1141
SCANDELS J142101.89+530316.4	215.25787,53.05455	14.76	14.76	14.73	14.72	14.72	14.71	14.71		0.03	0.00	679
		14.96	14.98	15.02	15.04	15.06	15.06	15.07		0.03	0.00	1012
SCANDELS J142009.19+525508.9	215.03830,52.91914	14.91	14.95	14.99	15.02	15.04	15.06	15.12		0.03	0.00	2434
		15.37	15.39	15.44	15.46	15.47	15.47	15.49		0.03	0.00	2487
SCANDELS J142046.77+530329.7	215.19486,53.05825	14.97	14.97	15.01	15.03	15.03	15.04	15.04		0.03	0.00	1737
		15.43	15.45	15.49	15.52	15.53	15.54	15.56		0.03	0.00	1840
SCANDELS J142002.64+530118.2	215.01100,53.02171	15.15	15.15	15.19	15.20	15.21	15.21	15.22		0.03	0.00	524
		15.59	15.60	15.63	15.65	15.66	15.67	15.67		0.03	0.00	562
SCANDELS J142053.38+530015.0	215.22240,53.00418	15.16	15.16	15.21	15.22	15.23	15.23	15.24		0.03	0.00	603
		15.63	15.64	15.68	15.69	15.70	15.70	15.71		0.03	0.00	605
SCANDELS J141907.48+524630.1	214.78116,52.77502	15.18	15.19	15.23	15.24	15.25	15.25	15.26		0.03	0.00	1548
		15.70	15.70	15.74	15.75	15.76	15.76	15.75		0.03	0.00	1580
SCANDELS J141941.02+525108.5	214.92090,52.85235	15.33	15.36	15.40	15.42	15.44	15.45	15.49		0.03	0.00	1773
		15.84	15.86	15.89	15.91	15.92	15.93	15.94		0.03	0.00	1827

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^b Uncertainties given are 1σ , and apply to the 2''4 diameter aperture magnitudes.

^c 3.6 μ m photometric biases already applied to the aperture photometry.

^d Depth of coverage expressed in units of 100 s IRAC frames that observed the source.